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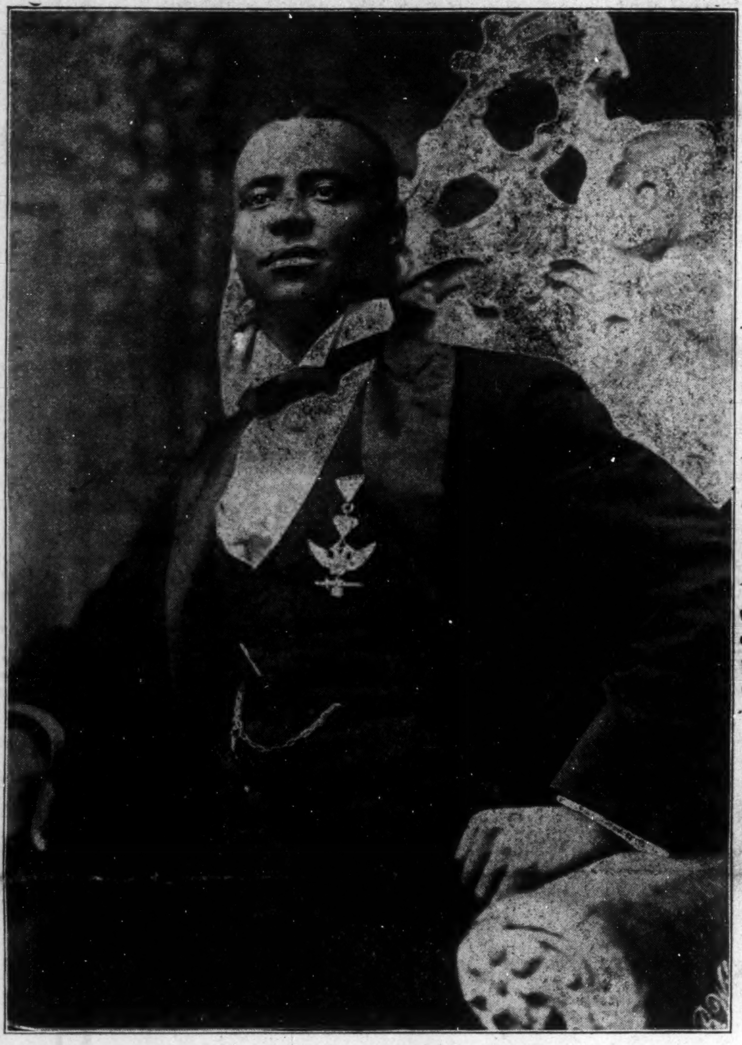

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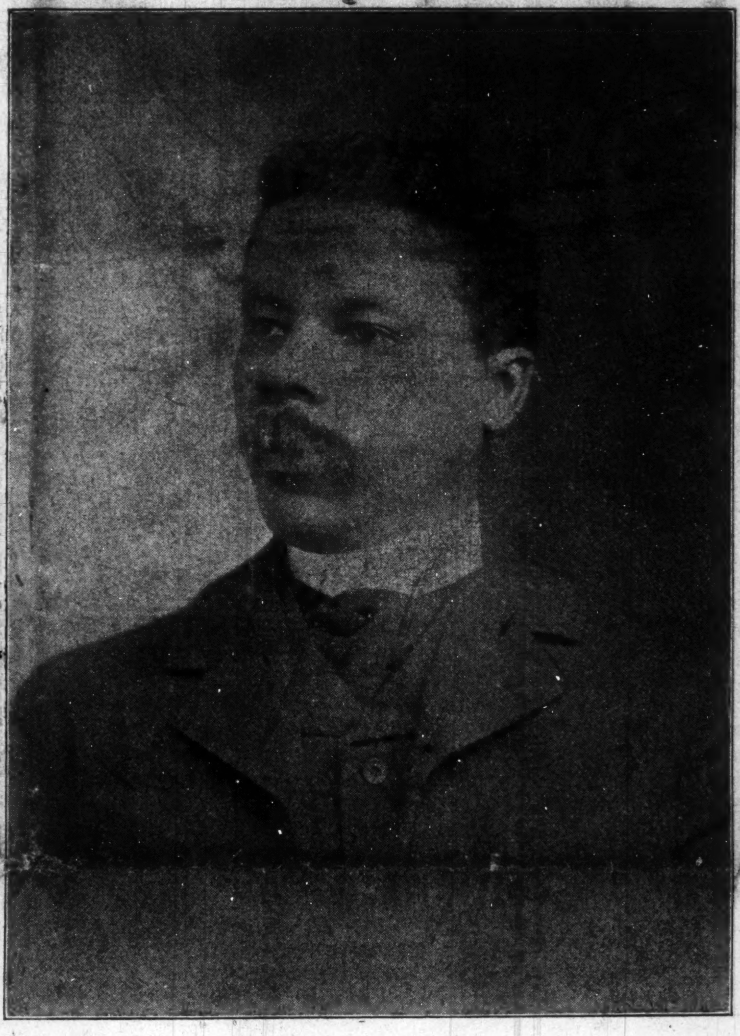

Hon. J. Frank Wheaton.

## THEY ARE LINKED TOGETHER FOR LIFE.

## TWO MEN OF NOTE

### TWO UNTUTORED, UNKNOWN LADS WHO HAVE WORKED THEIR WAYS TO PROMINENCE

### THE LAWYER AND THE ACTOR

**Start From the Southland to Seek Fortune and a Name in Their Respective Spheres--Phenomenal Success**

Many years ago when the summer sun sent its schorching rays upon the heads of two barefoot colored boys who lived in the Southland, none but they knew of the fanciful dreams they had of a future replete with public favor and a life marked by individual triumphs. Persons who knew them called the boys “bright little chaps,” yet no one suspected that these frequent pickaninny conferences were else than conspiraces to visit a near by watermelon patch or forsooth to raid the fruit trees of the venerable colored parson upon whose door step the little black tots used to conceive ideas of their future greatness.

Time went on till at a tender age each concluded to start out in pursuit of the goal that had been so often pictured in the imagination of his youthful mind.

One had set his ideal among the white lawyers, who, with the dignity of cavaliers, strutted up and down the dingy hallway of the antiquated courthouse in his Southern home. The other had felt the tingling current of mirth flowing through his little black body every time a minstrel band visited the town, and when the organ grinder made his vernal visits, this black tot was in for two or three daily collisions with Aunt Louise's hard worn slipper, and an occasional upper cut from the brawny arm of Uncle Rube, these being the anxious old parents of his somewhat mischievous “young black rascal,” as Uncle Rube was wont to call his wayward urchin in ebony.

One day these scheming little dusky devils heard how people of their race, East and West, were making great progress in life, so with their burning desires to be somebody they ran away from home, one determined to be a lawyer, the other an author and comedian of note, swearing eternal allegiance to each other, and each pledging the other that when his goal was attained they would join forces in manhood as they had done in boyhood and together push on to fame and fortune.

The future lawyer started out with a boot black box and outfit; the future comedian began work as a mud carrier in a brick yard; spare moments were occupied in the perusal of books by one, of music by the other. A short time elapsed, and one was found working his way through college, the other laying a foundation for his future profession by playing juvenile parts in a colored minstrel show.

One day, the then promising comedian and song writer received this invitation: “Dear Ernest, with pleasure I invite you to witness my graduation in law from the University of Minnesota.” The invitation sent the comedian skyward with exultation, but he had something up his sleeve; he replied this: “Dear Frank, I send you fifty dollars as a token of my congratulations, and a copy of my new song, “All Coons Look Alike to Me,” from which I have realized to date five thousand dollars.”

Both were happy; ten years had passed and not a word had one received from the other until the exchange of the messages above mentioned.

The subsequent achievements of each of these now men are too familiar to Freeman readers to enumerate here, suffice it to say that each has made his promise good. One enjoys the distinction of not only being a top notch lawyer, but the only one of his race elected a member of the Minnesota Legislature; the other has risen so high in his chosen profession that Broadway New York theatres accord him the star number in vaudeville, and pay him two hundred and fifty dollars per week for indefinite engagements.

But to make a long story shorter.

It was here in Indianapolis recently that we enjoyed witnessing the realization of the boyish dreams of Hon. J. Frank Wheaton, of Minnesota and the world's famous Ernest Hogan, of New York. By special appointment they met here and, Damon and Pythias like, rekindled the flames of youthful devotion, pledged themselves anew to each other's welfare, signed a contract for a life time to join professional and business forces; to mingle each others joys and sorrows; to share the rich reward which surely awaits so remarkable and successful a team. Mr. Hogan has exalted ideas concerning the colored profession of the twentieth century, and that the very best business forces could be at his command, he has spared no pains nor expense to satisfy his desire to have his “Old Chum,” as he delighted to call Hon. J. Frank Wheaton, with him to manage his many gigantic enterprises and business affairs.

Certainly this is a wonderful combination of business and talent.

Speaking of Mr. Wheaton, Mr. Hogan said to The Freeman: “I regard Hon. J. Frank Wheaton the best equipped all round young Negro in America. He has written his name among the ablest lawyers in Minnesota. He has achieved political distinction there, when it required more than grit to succeed because he had to impress his wonderful personal magnetism upon an entire white population. Failure is a stranger to him. As manager of the Chicago Fraternal Insurance company, I am told it was impossible for any one to escape his dogged persistence in promoting the organization. No one meets him but to like him, and aside from our old pledge I feel that I have a winner when he takes hold of my affairs.”

But their admiration is mutual. Here's what the Hon. J. Frank says of his friend Mr. Hogan: “Without prejudice, I sincerely think Ernest Hogan the most wonderful genius on the American stage. Some people limit his ability to the buffoonery he employs in convulsing theatre goers in laughter. While this is a very strong characteristic, there are so many other qualities that distinguish Hogan that none but his intimates know of. He is a fellow of wonderful brain. To see him contracting with managers it would be difficult for you to conceive that he was the rollicking, inimitable Hogan who sends thrill through his auditors till their sides ache with laughter. He can play any musical instrument made, and do you know Hogan can recite heavy parts to the amazement of his best friends. He's a black Mansfield. Ambitious to a fault is that fellow. Why he even writes his letters on the typewriting machine. He could write a new song every day, if he would; I am often amazed at the ideas he presents to me upon a moment's reflection. Were he possessed of a literary education, he would be a wonderful poet; but these qualities but typify the genius he is in his chosen line. No one can equal him singing a “coon” song. He has a firm friend in Mr. H. B. Sire, manager of the New York Theatre, Broadway, New York. Mr. Sire is a millionaire; he worships Hogan; says he can have everything he wants, and in my presence one day told Hogan he'd build him a theatre whenever he was ready to open one. The very essence of filial affection is Hogan's. His aged mother in Bowling Green, Ky., is his idol; no wish of hers escapes his administering love and purse.

“As a personal friend, he is the best and truest I have ever found. Henceforth what feeble energies; what brain and experience I have, shall be devoted to the building up of his business ventures and the jealous fostering of his professional triumphs. Of course, his success is mine. No brother could love me more devotedly than Hogan does. We are like two ‘kids’ together. He thinks I am a Prince, I think he is a King, so we ought to succeed.”

These are beautiful testimonials of two friends; would that more men were so. The Freeman predicts great accomplishments by this new firm, and assures its two personal friends, Hogan and Wheaton, that they have our best wishes for fame and fortune.

When a boy, Hogan had a staunch white friend named John G. Rogers, who was his champion in every little squabble. This gentleman has with pride kept track of the wonderful progress his black playmate has made, and has always remained a true and loyal friend. Mr. Rogers is a prominent real estate dealer in Chicago, and in the near future will be associated with Hogan in an unusual business way; marking another stride of this wonderful Negro to secure an enviable success.

Ernest Hogan was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky. His grandfather was educated by a wealthy Southern family to go as a missionary to Africa, where the grandsire married a native African, the grandmother of the noted author and comedian.

Being of unmixed blood he has been called “The Unbleached American.” Mr. Hogan never attended school, but what he has accomplished in self education should inspire young boys who have an opportunity to educate, and never despair because of limited facilities. He began his theatrical career at the age of twelve years, when as a pickaninny he appeared with Robson & Crane in “Uncle Tom's Cabin.” He next went to England with the Frohmans in a minstrel company.

Returning to America he played “Topsy” in McFadden's “Uncle Tom.” Next he was “starred” in Haliday's minstrels. Afterwards McCabe & Young found in him a remarkably clever addition to their famous minstrels. Our subject then entered vaudeville, heading the Criterion quartette, assisted by Harry Eaton. The next season Hogan & Eaton's minstrels toured the country.

About this time Mr. Hogan's fame as a songwriter began to attract the public. He wrote a drama called “Old Tennessee” in which he introduced his famous song “Pas Ma La”—being the first “ragtime” song published. Then followed his world's famous hit “All Coons Look Alike to Me.” In all there are thirty eight popular songs written and composed by Hogan. His songs have netted him a fortune. He is writing a new batch, containing some sure “hits.’

It was in the summer of 1897 he made his New York “Hit” in “Clorindy,” by Paul Lawrence Dunbar; and the same season he was engaged to star “The Black Patti Troubadours.” No one can forget his side splitting “Turkey Carving” turn while with this company. Hogan fairly owns the West; he has a good size mortgage on the East. He intends next to capture Europe, then the world will be the great comedian's.

Leaving “The Black Patti Troubadours,’ Mr. Hogan scored a decided hit in New York City, and organized a colored company for Mr. M. B. Curtis for a season in Australia. He soon became a favorite with the Australians and achieved fame in a few weeks which many try in vain for a life time to acquire. His press notices in that far away country are immense. Perhaps the most triumphant three months of this trip were spent in Honolulu where the versatility and business qualities of this wonderful man combined to furnish amusement continuously for twelve weeks in the Orpheum Theatre; presenting a new bill every week and playing to houses crowded by the same audiences week after week. Many persons could not be persuaded to believe how Mr. Hogan was made the idol of Honolulu. Princes and Princesses showered social attentions upon him as though he was the great king of a great country.

Prince David grew so fond of the comedian that he presented him land whereon to build a country home just outside of Honolulu.

He won fresh laurels by firmly keeping together and bringing home to America a troupe of colored artists who had been deserted by M. B. Curtis in Australia, and by winning for them an important law suit against the Canadian Australian Steamship Company.

On his return to America Messrs. Rusco & Holland had an agent awaiting his arrival at Vancouver, who at once contracted with Mr. Hogan to star in his famous Honolulu hit “A Country Coon.” After Mr. Hogan engaged a strong cast of the best colored artists and incurred great personal expense; the above named gentlemen violated their contract and disappointed some of the best talent of the race against the most emphatic protests of Mr. Hogan. His disappointment in this however was the joy of the management of the famous Broadway Theatre called The New York; for it was there Mr. Hogan played eighteen weeks this season and won popularity such as no single colored performer has ever attained in New York. His popularity is best attested by the fact that he is now playing a ten weeks' engagement at the salary of two hundred and seventy five dollars per week. His latest success in company was “Uncle Eph's Christmas, by Dunbar and Cook, produced in Boston this winter.

Mr. Hogan is the black lion of Broadway. We have seen him surrounded by stage hands, janitors, ushers, musicians, fellow actors and managers at the same time, and

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

### LATEST AND MOST INTERESTING NEWS GATHERED TOGETHER FOR FREEMAN READERS

### FROM THE SCHOOL CIRCLES

**To Social Realms.--Notable Wedding--Church and Their Workers--Personal Mention.**

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—The Porter public school was favored by a highly entertaining lecture on the 4th inst., by Mr. Charles Stewart. The occasion was a sort of a surprise both to Mr. Stewart and to his auditors, as neither thought of a lecture at such a time. Mr. Stewart has paid Porter school a visit on several occasions, when in the city, but spent the time in looking in upon the different rooms, at the class room work, and absolutely refusing to allow himself to be persuaded to address the school. However, on this occasion, he was prevailed upon by the principal to make a talk, and the fifteen minutes occupied by the witty newspaper man were full of interest and, it is hoped, beneficial to all. The teachers and pupils are desirous of listening to Mr. Stewart again.

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A wedding that occupied much of the attention of society, last Sunday, in spite of the fact that no invitations were issued and only immediate relatives and a few close friends were present, was the uniting of Miss Emma Ferguson and Mr. Robert Smith. The wedding took place at the residence of the bride's mother, 290 Monroe street, at 6:15 p. m., and was perhaps, in its elegance, simplicity and daintiness, the most attractive home wedding of the season. The beautiful old home lends itself readily to the hand of the artist in decorating, and the pink parlor, in which the ceremony was performed, was most beautiful. The bride entered with Mr. William Goodwin, who gave her away, and was met at the altar by the groom. Rev. Dr. Flagg read the marriage service from the dainty white prayer book the bride carried in lieu of a boquet. After the ceremony many congratulations were received while the dainty refreshments were being passed. Immediately after Mr. and Mrs. Smith left for St. Louis, Mo., where they will remain a day or two before going to Kansas City, Mo., where the young couple will make their home. A prosperous success to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, hoping that their path may be strewn with flowers, their life a true one and their home happy.

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Mrs. B. G. Caruthers, of Holly Springs, Miss., is the guest of her son, Robert Caruthers, 74 Lindon street. Robert Smith left last week for Buffalo, N. Y. L. W. Wime is out again after having a severe attack of malaria. J. Thomas Turner, of Nashville, Tenn., is in our city on business in the interest of the K. of P's. George Ford, the proprietor of the English Kitchen, is still doing business at the same old stand, 200 Beale street. Just for the stomach's sake call and see him; he will do you good. Mrs. Estell Williams, of St. Louis, Mo., after spending several days in our city, left last Sunday for Hot Springs, Ark. Mrs Nancy Woodard was buried, last week, from Collin's Chapel. Miss Gussie Smith departed this life last Sunday, April 14. Hayes Roberts left, last week, for Forest Hill, Tenn., where he will spend a few days with his dear family.

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Armesdale A. M. E. Church was

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# TOM THE TATTLER,

## CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Theoretically spring is here, but practically it is winter time. With all that t will only be a very short while until spring, gentle spring, will rid herself of her winter habiliments and bedeck herself in her gayer dress.

The approach of spring is always looked forward to with happiness and delight. Woman would die were spring to be stricken from the calendar, for, to her, above all other mortals, it means so much. Imagine, if your imagination be that fecund, what a tame affair spring would be without laces, ribbons, dresses, hats, and the thousand and one things that go to satisfy the feminine mind in the line of personal adornment. A woman usually dull and uninteresting at other times of the year, as the calendar rolls around springward, and the papers announce the spring fashions, and the windows verify these fashions, becomes unusually bright and full of interest.

The small boy as the last vestige of winter vanishes, and spring approaches, becomes so jubilant that it is almost impossible to restrain him, and, frequently, his foolishness and giddiness caused by its approach makes him do something so rash that sickness is the the result. As fishing, base ball, bicycling and other outdoor sports and pastimes flit through his mind his interest in his book flags and it is a matter of some moment to keep him at school

As spring draws nigh the average performer, who has been fortunate enough to keep his feet regularly under the table, and, at the same time, keep in touch with his salary, becomes a person of much consequence and rather hard to get along with. He becomes so high-strung and wise that, in a flash, all the wisdom of the world passes into his head and any attempt to enlighten him is taken as an unwarrantable intrusion and is speedily resented. This is one of the great draw-backs to many of the members of the profession, this inability to stand success.

It will now be but a short time until the city will be overrun with all kinds and classes of Thespians. Professional headquarters will emerge from its winter slumbers and take on its wonted gayness. There will be on hand, in unlimited numbers, any kind of talent one may wish for. It will be an easy matter to secure any kind of stage material from a jubilee singer to a primadonna.

Last night one of our leading physicians was called out to attend a woman who was dying for a spring dress.

Professor Beat Hoven gave his second lecture to the prima-donna class at Discordance Hall yesterday. His subject was "How to Sustain a Tone," and was delivered in his happiest manner. The professor said, "I have just finished reading an article by a critic who styles himself Tom the Tattler, and I notice he works himself into a frenzy over the fact that some of our prims do not retain the key. I look upon this attack as slanderous, and written to injure the prima-donna's reputation and standing with the public." Madame Paddy Off-de-Key became so excited at this juncture she gave vent to her feelings by a scream.

The professor, if he noticed it, did not let his audience know it, but continued: "Why, what is more pleasing and artistic than to hear a prim during the rendition of a classic role made through several keys. It is a variety that is indeed commendable."

Madame Maku Tired whispered to Miss Aintshe A. Bird "he must be jollying us."

The professor discussed "tones" in a very off-hand way, and his reference to "time-keeping" elicited applause from the members of the class. He said it was not absolutely necessary to keep time, and the more classic the role the more liberty in the matter of time is allowed.

At the conclusion of his lecture he received the congratulations of the assembled prims. He takes his departure to-night for New York where he will lecture, the proceeds of which will go for founding "A Home for Disappointed Prims."

Kansas is determined to keep herself in the public eye. With Mrs. Nation as a played out popular idol she now offers Fred Funston to take her place. What will Kansas give us next in the line of popularity?

Carter Harrison "knocked the stuffin" out of Judge Hanecy at the polls on the 2nd inst. The divekeepers and purveyors of vice are happy, and now proceed to make things hum. Don't carry more than car fare in your pockets for the footpad will have to make up that which he contributed to the campaign fund.

A correspondent wants to know what will we do with the kickers in the profession? Do the same thing with them you would with weeds in a garden—exterminate them.

Some people have reduced kicking to a fine art and their entire life is given up to complaints and murmuring. They fancy they have a divine right to the best of everything and when they fail to get it, in plain, but forcible English, they simply raise h-ll.

I have a long list of professional kickers, and as soon as the list is complete I will make it public. If your name happens to be in the bunch don't get angry but try to get rid of the mule there is in you, and stop kicking. The Tattler, you know, is wedded to truth and must tell it. If it proves disagreeable and disgusting to you, remember it is you, and not he, who is to blame.

# BOOKER T. WASHINGTON AND HIS WORKS

BY CHARLES ALEXANDER
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### THE MAN: A TRIBUTE.

Leaving this portion of the school grounds, the visitor next approaches the Slater-Armstrong Memorial Agricultural Building. This is an adornment to Macon county, containing laboratories, museum, lecture rooms and recitation rooms. In this building the office of the agricultural experiment station is also located. The largest and most important building on the grounds is the Armstrong Memorial Trades' Building for boys. The outside dimensions of this building are two hundred and eighty-three feet by three hundred and fifteen feet. It is heated by steam and lighted by electricity as are most of the other buildings. Nearly all of the industries for boys are located in this building. Just opposite this great two-story building is a similar one for girls, not quite so large. Near the trades' building stands the chapel an imposing structure indeed. This handsome structure is built of brick with stone trimmings. The workmanship and finish generally will compare favorably with that of any first-class church in New England. It has a seating capacity of two thousand four hundred. It is lighted by electricity and heated by steam

The plans for the building were drawn by the instructor in architectural and mechanical drawing; the bricks, nearly one million and a half, were made by students; the lumber cut on the school land and sawed and dressed in the saw mill and carpentry shop. About all of the larger buildings are on ample grounds, with shade trees and beds of flowers. The palmettos are found in profusion. The orchards and vineyards belonging to the institution yield abundant fruit. During the summer months over five thousand gallons of fruit are put up in the steam canning plant owned by the school, and the cans are all made by the students in the tin shop while the labels are printed in the printing division.

Mr. Washington believes that Negro boys and girls should early learn the value of money and they should early cultivate business habits. The New England boy will serve as a good example of what the Negro youth should be. The New England small boy generally shows business capabilities at a tender age, if he is ever going to have them. A certain Boston boy was in the habit of teasing his mother for pennies until at last she said to him: 'Now, Willie, I don't like to give you pennies; if you want money you should go to work and earn it" The boy remained thoughtful for some time. Then, within a few days, the mother perceived that Willie had plenty of pennies. She wondered where he got them, but did not question him. But one day she noticed that some sort of hullabaloo was going on in the back yard. Looking out she saw Willie surrounded by a mob of small boys, who were yelling with delight. She went down into the yard to see what was going on, and as she passed out, she saw, stuck up on the back wall of the house, this notice, quite neatly "printed" out with a pencil:

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Willie was apparently doing a thriving business.

While this enterprise is not to be recommended, it would be a wise plan for our boys and girls to start early to cultivate commercial habits.

MR WASHINGTON'S CO-WORKERS.

It must be understood that a large plant like Tuskegee means large responsibilities—too large to be carried on the shoulders of one man. Of the nearly one hundred instructors employed at Tuskegee are found some very interesting characters—some of whom help to carry the weight of responsibilities which make it possible for Mr. Washington to go North, East and West on his mission of enlightenment and money getting for the work. Mr. Emmet J. Scott, his private secretary, a young man of keen insight and earnest devotion to his work, conducts all of the large correspondence of Mr. Washington's office in his absence; edits the Tuskegee Student and reads the proof on all printed documents sent out by the institution. He is one of the hardest workers connected with the institution. Of him Mr. Washington said in his book: The Story of My Life and Work: "Without his constant and painstaking care it would be impossible for me to perform even a very small part of the labor that I now do. Mr. Scott understands so thoroughly my motives, plans and ambitions that he puts himself into my own position as nearly as it is possible for one individual to put himself into the place of another, and in this way makes himself invaluable, not only to me personally but to the institution." This could hardly be said of any other officer at Tuskegee. The work of this young man is so systematic and thorough that Mr. Washington feels perfectly safe and at ease when any business is turned over to him. Of course there are others connected with the school whose services are helpful and valuable but none of so great importance and value as the service rendered from day to day by Mr. Emmett J. Scott.

[To be continued.]

### SELF-SACRIFICING WOMEN.

Among those who are laboring without money and without price for the elevation of the Negro race is Miss S. L. Grant, who has taken a thorough course in hygienic cookery, primary sewing, hygienic dressmaking, physical culture and kindergarten. She is a Tennesseean by birth and a student of Fisk University. Her father was a missionary to Africa and died there. She has taught in the public schools of Chattanooga and done kindergarten work in the same city for some years, and also taught in the Steele Home. Her recent work at the A. & M. College, Normal, Ala., shows her to be a philanthropist as well as a competent woman to lead her people. Although a salaried position was offered her, she declined to accept pay, and taught the girls of this institution hygienic cooking and how to make healthful clothing, expecting only her board for her services. She thoroughly understands the health foods and how to prepare them. The teachers and students of Normal are unstinted in their expressions and gratitude for the great services which she has rendered them. Her bearing among the population of the grounds was of such a character as to ennoble and lift up all with whom she came in contact. More women like Miss Grant are needed in the work of education and lifting up of the colored race all over the country. Miss Grant left Normal, a few days ago, to engage in this work in Nashville Tenn., and deserves the support of all classes of both races. She is now in charge of the sanitarium at Nashville, Tenn., soon to be opened under the auspices of the Southern Missionary Association, 447 N. Cherry street.

W. H. COUNCILL.

We are indebted to Professor W. H. Councill for the above short biography of Miss S. L. Grant, which speaks so eloquently of her devotedness to the interests of her race.

### Notice.

The Freeman has secured for the benefit of its many subscribers the exclusive right of the Bohannan's Music Co's. latest success. C. H. cake walk and two-step, as Mr. Bohannan is one of our able colored writters and publishers we feel that every reader of The Freeman should have a copy of our own brothers publication. Hoping it may encourage others to soon following his walks. We as a race are fast getting to the front and while we have one colored music publishing house, we feel it our duty to place his music at least before our own people and have secured the write of his latest, a regular 50c. copy of 4 pages and a beautiful title page in 5 colors a nice flowing melod and witty words, as for a march or two-step it is second to none and we know there is no lover of a nice march or two-step for piano will call their repertoire complete without the above composition now at this office and will be sent to any address post paid for 10 cents just to save postage and this ad. Please write name plainly and order at once; be the first to introduce this new piece in your locality. Address all orders to The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

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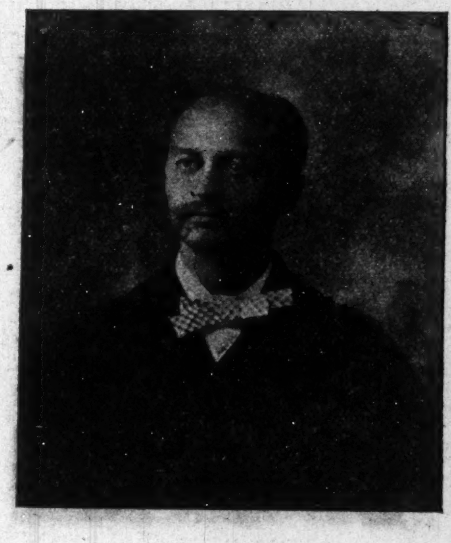

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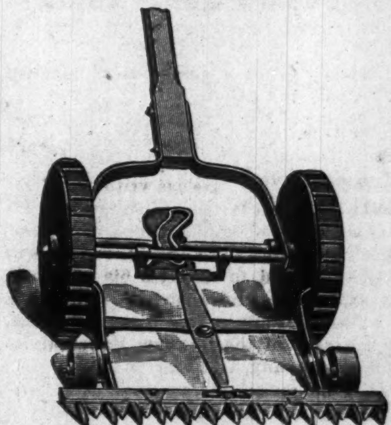

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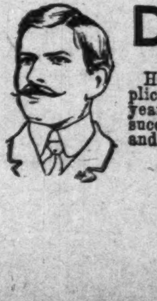

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ALBERT AYRES.
Plainfield, N. J.

A SENSATION IN BROOKLYN—A MINISTER'S STATEMENT:

I wish to state that one of my parishoners was sick and in trouble for a long time, Mrs. Brown, 37 Ga street. No one seemed to understand her case. She had several doctors but none of them seemed to know what was the matter. None could do her any good. It was my duty as her pastor to call and see her. On hearing of the wonderful work being done by Dr. Shea the last few years. I thought I would call and see him myself. I found him a sympathetic gentleman. And he gave me a wonderful test of his powers; told me to send him a lock of the patient's hair, which I did by her daughter. Then he told at once what was the matter, and in a short time cured her sound and well. Her family had seemingly been under a cloud. Now all is changed. All are well and prosperous. I can truly and heartily recommend Dr. Shea to all those in sickness or distress of any kind.
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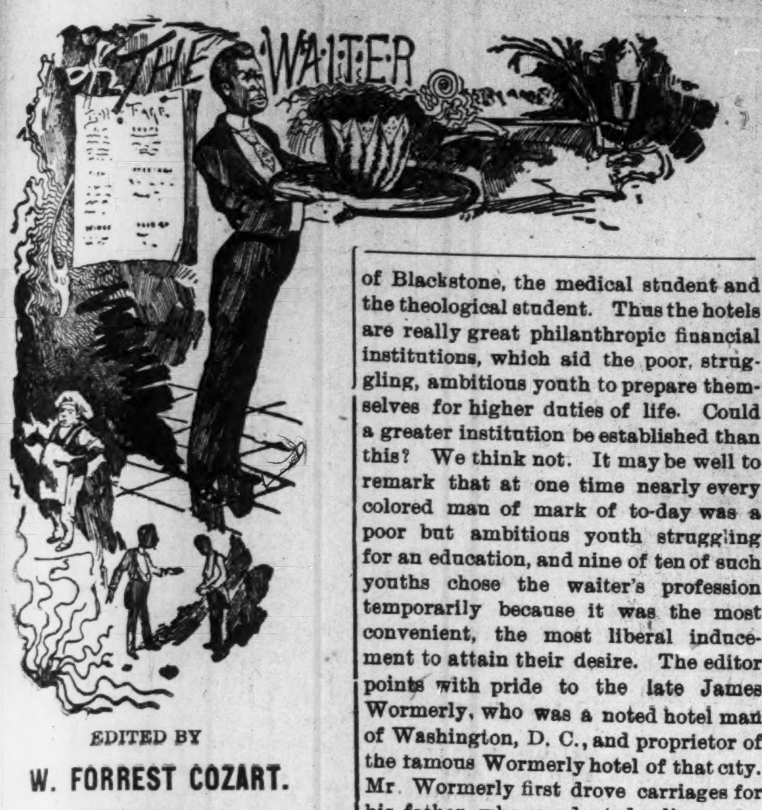

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## W. FORREST COZART.

### A Correction.

Some weeks ago the editor of this department stated that:

"Noah Allen, a janitor in one of the Chicago public schools, was seriously scalded about the face, in that city recently, by Mrs. Florence Palmer. Mrs. Palmer (not Potter Palmer) is the widow of the late Joseph Palmer, a waiter, who died Jan. 21 last. Before marrying J. Palmer Mrs. Palmer was Mrs. F. Henderson. Mr. Henderson was headwaiter at the Ontario Hotel in Chicago for three years. It is said that he died rather mysteriously on Dec. 13, 1898 Mr. Allen was a boarder at Mrs. Palmer's house, and it seems that a dispute arose between them in which Mrs. Palmer said "it ain't," and Mr. Allen said "it 'tis," and, in order to make Mr. Allen understand that "it ain't" and at the same time to prevent him from saying "it 'tis," Mrs. Palmer emptied the contents of a boiling tea kettle in his face. The local papers stated that jealousy was the cause of the unfortunate affair. Can it be that Mrs. Henderson-Palmer is training for a third husband? If so, we hope that he will not be a head nor side waiter."

The above article was written upon information gather from what we believed to be reliable sources, therefore it was published in good faith. However, Mrs. Palmer strenuously denies the statement, and says that she has been done an injustice and requests a correction. As Mrs. Palmer denies the statement we will take her word for it and apologize for same.

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E. T. Montgomery, recording secretary of the H. & S. W. N. B. A., formerly headwaiter at the Chicago Beach hotel and late of the Oriental hotel, Dallas, Texas, has been appointed headwaiter-in-chief for the Bailey Catering Co., who has the restaurant privileges at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. E. T. Montgomery will have twelve or more restaurants under his charge, and will employ as many European plan headwaiters and between 250 and 350 European plan colored waiters. This is a great victory for the H. & S. W. N. B. A. Mr. Montgomery is now in Chicago booking his crew. He may be addressed at 5472 Lake avenue, where he will receive and consider all applications. None but competent European plan waiters, who can write and figure their checks correctly and with dispatch, need apply. Mr. Montgomery will leave for Buffalo about April 15, carrying fifty or more waiters with him from Chicago, and his crew will be augmented by picked European plan waiters from other large eastern cities.

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As usual the waiters are outdoing themselves in rushing to the exposition. The exposition will not open for several weeks yet; still Buffalo is already overrun with waiters. We are reliably informed that the police are arresting all strange persons in Buffalo, who are out of employment, and sending them to the workhouse. It is said that several waiters who went to Buffalo broke and expecting to find work are now working out fines in the workhouse. We have continually warned our readers of the danger of rushing to Buffalo, and as we have all the inside information we sincerely trust that our advice will be heeded. The Freeman is making a special effort to keep the colored waiters well informed on everything that is of interest to them; therefore, by carefully perusing the Waiters' Department you will be able to gain more information in this particular line than you would be able to gain through all other papers combined, both colored and white journals. Accept a friend's advice—subscribe for The Freeman and keep informed of the doings of the colored waiters from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

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The editor has stated from time to time that it was no disgrace to be a waiter, as it is not the position that degrades but it is the man. A waiter's position is but a stepping stone for the young and ambitious colored man. The young college student who becomes penniless and friendless readily discovers that the waiter's position offers him the best opportunity to earn honestly the necessary sum of money to complete his education. So it is with the students of Blackstone, the medical student and the theological student. Thus the hotels are really great philanthropic financial institutions, which aid the poor, struggling, ambitious youth to prepare themselves for higher duties of life. Could a greater institution be established than this? We think not. It may be well to remark that at one time nearly every colored man of mark of to-day was a poor but ambitious youth struggling for an education, and nine of ten of such youths chose the waiter's profession temporarily because it was the most convenient, the most liberal inducement to attain their desire. The editor points with pride to the late James Wormerly, who was a noted hotel man of Washington, D. C., and proprietor of the famous Wormerly hotel of that city. Mr. Wormerly first drove carriages for his father, who conducted a livery stable in Washington. Then young James became a waiter, headwaiter, steward and then proprietor (mark the rise) of the Wormerly, where he entertained some, if not all, of the leading men of his day. We mention elsewhere in this department a few of the many leading men of to-day, who owe their success to the great hotel financial institution which gave them a waiter's position at a time when they were struggling for existence.

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J. B. Goins, secretary of the H. & S. W. N. B. A., is now headwaiter at the Vincennes hotel, Chicago, Ill.

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W. R. Harris, formerly headwaiter at the Hollenden, Cleveland. O., the English, Indianapolis, Ind., and the Louisville, Louisville, Ky., has been engaged as headwaiter by E. T. Montgomery of the Bailey Catering Co. at the Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo, N. Y.

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T. J. Simon, the well-known Southern headwaiter, will again be in charge of the Jackson hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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Wm. E. Tucker, of the Bon Air hotel, Augusta, Ga., contributed an article to the April number of the Hotel World on "Table Silver a Burden to Headwaiters." Mr. Tucker promises to become a very interesting writer.

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George S. McCollough (white), formerly headwaiter at the Cadillac cafe, and late of the Russell House, Detroit, Mich., has been engaged as headwaiter for the Electric Tower restaurant at the Pan-American Exposition Mr. McCollough is one of the few white headwaiters who prefer colored waiters.

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Edwin Rutheven, who was convicted in Cleveland, O., and sentenced to be electrocuted April 12 for the murder of Policeman Shipp, has been respited by Governor Nash until May 3. The editor of this department and other Cleveland citizens are making vigorous efforts to save the life of Rutheven because it is believed that he was convicted on a very weak case of circumstantial evidence, in which race prejudice played a very important part. We shall review the Rutheven case later. On March the 20th the State Board of Pardons refused to recommend clemency for Rutheven and a delegation of Cleveland colored citizens called upon the Governor and was successful in having Rutheven respited until May 3. In the meantime the governor will review the evidence and determine whether or not he will grant Rutheven clemency. At this writing there seems to be a bright ray of hope.

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We regret to chronicle the news that white waiters have succeeded colored waiters at the Lincoln hotel, Pittsburg, Pa. The Lincoln is conducted on the European plan; and its loss will be a terrible blow to the colored waiters. It is reported that the colored waiters at the Lincoln went on a strike with the headwaiter because the manager would not allow the second waiter to be discharged. Thus it will be seen that as fast as good men build up the reputation of the waiters and make it possible for them to secure positions in good hotels some jack leg with selfish motives comes along and lead the ignorant men into a strike or some other mischief. There is nothing to be gained by strikes among colored waiters, and the sooner this is realized the better it will be for all concerned. We know of no better way to lose what hotels that the colored waiters have than by striking. A few more strikes like this and the hotel proprietors will lose all confidence in the colored waiters and white waiters will be put in their place wherever practicle. Come, boys, don't be so foolish.

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In the holiday number of The Freeman the editor of this department warned the colored waiters of the fast approaching changes from the American plan to the European plan of service. It was stated that the American plan hotel would soon be a thing of the past. The above changes are being made every day, but the most noticable of these changes occurred in Chicago recently. The Palmer house, one of the oldest hotels in that city, an American plan hotel, owned and run by Potter Palmer, a multi-millionaire, converted the American plan dining room into an European plan dining room. We are told that when the above change took place that a most sympathetic scene occurred, as all of the American plan waiters, as well as the headwaiter and his assistant, were thrown out of employment. Some of the above waiters had been in the Palmer house for twenty-five to thirty years, having worked on the side with "Charlie" Jordon, who rose to the position of headwaiter, and won national fame (as a terrior) Although some of the waiters had been waiting in the Palmer house when Chicago was in its balmy days, they were actually penniless when turned out, which accounted for the many sad tears they shed while packing up their belongings. This reminds us of the song, "Pack up your clothes and go," and while they were going no doubt they felt like singing, "Driven away from home." There are two good lessons for the waiters throughout the country to learn from the above—first, save your wages and tips that you may be able to care for yourself in your old age; second, how absolutely necessary it is to learn how to give first class European plan service.

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Chicago, Ill., April 6, 1901.

Dear Sir and Brother—Doubtless it will be interesting to you to learn something officially about the Headwaiters National Benefit Association, which was organized in Chicago, September, 1899, and of which you are a member. Six months after organizing we had 185 active members, while the roll lists as many more; sixty-five per cent. of these are in good condition with the association.

Death has invaded our ranks four times. The first was Mr. Dozier, Indianapolis, Ind.; $85 was paid his widow from assessments. The second was Mr. George Washington, vice-president for Ohio; $50 has been paid on this assessment. January, 1901, W. Forrest Cozart, president, resigned, sending his resignation to the board of directors, which was accepted, and W. A. Locke, vice-president, Halliday house, Cairo, Ill., was elected to fill the unexpired term, and H. Pettigrew, Pittsburg, Pa., for vice-president. Mr. Locke is now shaping things for the next national meeting, at which time we hope to see you. On January 19 Horace F. Martin, and on March 13, 1901, Frank Terry, both zealous members of the association, died, with complications of diseases, in Cleveland, O. I herewith notify you of the demise of the above two named members, and at the same time levy assessments of one dollar each for the relief of your obligation to their beneficiaries. Remit within thirty days, payable to the president, W. A. Locke, Halliday house, Cairo, Ill. With best wishes, and trusting we shall continue to have your manifest interest in the organization, I am

Yours fraternally,
E. T. MONTGOMERY,
Secretary H. & S. W. N. B. A.

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There was a sad funeral at the Antioch Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, recently, that should make a deep impression on every colored waiter in the United States. The funeral was that of J. W. Trotter, a waiter, who had died in a free ward at one of the city hospitals. Previous to his illness Mr. Trotter had been employed for about three months as waiter at the Weddell house. Mr. Trotter formerly lived in Memphis, Tenn., where his people are supposed to be living now. He went to Cleveland several years ago and, like many boys will do, he neglected to keep in communication with his dear old mother and other relatives. Like many other waiters he made good money, but threw it away in attending balls, cake walks, etc., etc. At last his health began to fail, and he spent what money he had for medicine, still he grew worse. The doctor pronounced his ailment as a dangerous case of heart disease. He then, for the first time, realized that he must die in a short time, consequently he professed the Baptist religion and was baptized by Rev. Brookins, of Antioch church, about two months before his death. Five weeks later his health failed him completely. Then he found himself homeless, friendless and penniless. He was admitted to a free ward in a hospital, and for nearly four weeks he suffered untold misery. It is reasonable to believe that while occupying a cot in a ward with twenty-five or thirty other unfortunate men his mind often wondered back to his dear old home in Tennessee. In his dreams he must to have fancied himself at home once more being embraced by a loving mother, while the rest of the family collected around and welcomed him back home. What horrid sights must have met his eyes, and what sorrowful thoughts must have crossed his mind when he awoke and found that his fancy was but a dream, and that he was still a patient in a hospital. But there is an end to all endurance. Death relieved the unfortunate man, and his soul took its flight to the realms beyond. J. W. Trotter had no relatives or friends to claim his body, neither did he belong to any benevolent society, and if Rev. Brookins had not claimed the body it would have gone to the dissecting table. Rev. Brookins asked the hotel waiters to help raise the necessary money to bury the body, and the waiters at the Weddell house, Forest City house and the Colonial raised the money and gave their fellow waiter a decent burial. As stated before the funeral was a sad one, and the fact that the deceased's seven year old daughter was the only mourner at the funeral cast a deeper shade of sorrow over those present. Rev. Brookins officiated at the funeral services, which was largely attended by waiters. The remains were interred at Woodland Cemetery. The writer would have the waiters in general to take warning and not neglect their homes, relatives and themselves, and, at the end, fill a pauper's grave.

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Hotel Beckel, Dayton, Ohio,
March 15, 1901.

Mr. E. T. Montgomery, Vice-President
H. & S. W. N. B. A., Beach Hotel,
Chicago, Ill.:

Dear Sir—Yours of a recent date, in which you are acting for Messrs. C. R. Johnson, Capt. A. Thomas, W. C. Casey, James P. Early, B. H. Thompkins and Carroll Wilson, as well as for yourself, formally presenting the Head and Side Waiters' National Benefit Association, its charter has been duly received.

In accepting the above gift from the philanthropic gentlemen, whose names appear above, I desire to express to you, in behalf of the association, my sincere thanks. I am sure that the association highly appreciates the gift, and will ever cherish it as an emblem of loyalty from the generous donators. May the association grow and prosper with the times, and when its golden fruits are ripe and ready to be plucked may you, one and all, be blessed to enjoy the luxuries thereof. Our association may be compared with the "Sweet Evening Bells," which Thomas Moore so beautifully described as follows:

> "So it will be when I am gone,
> Those tuneful peals will still ring on,
> When other bards shall walk these dells
> And sing your praises, sweet evening bells."

Again thanking you for your gracious gift, I beg to remain

Yours for success,
W. FORREST COZART.

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## PROMINENT HOTEL MEN.

SAMUEL HODGES,
Montrose, Ala.

We present to the readers of The Freeman, this week, an excellent cut of Mr. Samuel Hodges, a chef steward of Montrose, Ala., who is favorably known among the leading hostelries of the South. No better record of his efficiency can be obtained than by addressing Mr. E. G. Green of the Hotel Reference Agency of Chicago. He has acceptably filled his position at the following hotels:

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His health is now improving, and he will shortly be open to engagements. He learned his business under German and French chefs. He has had fifteen years' experience, and keeps posted by reading the leading catering journals. Mr. Hodges is married and owns his own home. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and also an Odd Fellow. He is a subscriber and an ardent admirer of The Freeman, and classes it as the "King of Negro Journals."

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## CUBANS HESITATE.

The end of the Cuban affair may not yet be in sight, but it rests with the Cubans themselves as to that end. The Cuban Constitutional Convention has seen fit to reject the Platt amendments passed by Congress on the ground, it may be presumed, that absolute independence to the island is not contemplated in them.

The general opinion is that the Cubans are making a mistake in opposing the very slight imposition upon them by Congress. It was hoped that when the Constitutional Convention of Cuba convened that it would be better informed as to the real import of the amendments which information had not been shared by the people generally, and who, in consequence, were opposed to the "protectorate" attitude of the United States.

The Platt amendments seek to insure the permanency of the future republic. They seek to protect the country against outer foes or internal dissensions. They call for the establishing of one or more coaling stations, bases for naval action, in order to be prepared for emergencies arising under either head.

The utterance of Gomez during the conference was dramatic enough; it sounded well, no doubt; it looked well in print, but as yet the Cubans have nothing to fear from the action of Congress. He would die with grief if the amendments were accepted because Negroes are so shamefully treated in America, as if this government was responsible for the Negroes' condition in this country. The condition has not been brought about by governmental interference, sanction nor acquiesence. It is tolerated because prejudice is ingrained in the great masses, scarcely a single member of the white race being wholly free from it. Yet this universal prejudice has not tainted the general acts of government against Negroes, nor is its policy warped as to them except at the behests of that prejudiced mass whic makes it mandatory by the lash of the ballot. And we are not so sure but what the racial struggle may break out in that very utopia and when the restraining hand of a force more potent than is possessed may stand them well in hand.

"What is known as the Platt amendment embodies the views of President McKinley, Secretary Root, Secretary Hay, Senator Foraker, Senator Platt, of Connecticut, Chairman Hitt, of the House Foreign Committee, and leaders at the other end of the Capitol like Senators Allison, Frye, Lodge, Cullom, Fairbanks, Spooner, and others. Few pieces of legislation have been given such close scrutiny. It was the subject of repeated conferences and was gone over word for word. It represents the executive, the legislative, and the diplomatic situation. Such a combination is rarely reached in this country, and for this reason, if for no other, the conditions imposed upon Cuba by the United States are not likely to be modified in any material degree."

If the Cuban convention acts wisely it will reconsider the stand it took and accept the amendments. It should not force Congress to resort to its alternative—annexation. It is more than hinted that such an act stands next; and it may be said to the shame of our country that so many have shown the Cubans that it stood so ready to swallow up their country regardless of the avowed "Cuba Libre" that ran through the country in the days of the Maine.

Their suspicion of this country's ultimate aim in Cuba is pardonable when the spirit of annexation breathes so freely. It is for us to grieve ourselves to death if we thought that our country, great like it is, would, out of its greed for commercial or territorial expansion, go one step farther beyond the securing of independence to Cuba and preparing for its permanency. We do not believe that the sane, conservative forces of the country will ever allow the despoiling of Cuba. Yet we have an interest there brought about by fire and blood.

The Cubans should prove worthy of the interest and cost, and not suspect duplicity. In these days of country snatching, when little countries or weak ones have no rights that big ones are bound to respect, to be protected without loss of dignity is not an every day opportunity. The country will save the Cubans in spite of the Cubans.

## IMPRESSIVE CHURCH CEREMONIES.

Some of the churches of the A. M. E. connection, and especially the more prominent ones, are taking kindly to the higher church notions that have been so long advocated by such men as Bishops Derrick and Brown, the latter now deceased. Bishop Derrick has always had a leaning towards the high church idea. He was brought up in the church of England where the ritual is rich with the litany, creed, te deum, the decalogue and other ceremonies. Those things aided by surpliced choirs, enrobed ministers and such like is felt to have the tendency to surround religious services with a halo of sanctity, the want of which is so often felt.

The A. M. E. church as a whole has stood out against the innovations for a number of years, insisting that it was too "Episcopal"—ritualistic, ceremonial. The leaning towards the ceremonial, apparently is not born out of the idea that the church erred in its more primitive tendencies or in its simpler notions of what its services should be, but because it actually sees the necessity for doing something to attract attention to the church, which for some reasons is not doing more than holding its own, if that much. Apathy as to church attendance in these latter days is not confined to the colored people. The cry comes up from everywhere that the church has not got a sufficient grip on the masses. It is no false alarm. White preachers have been studying the problem, resorting to all sorts of devices to arrive at the truth. Aristocratic churches, high-priced pews and other similar reasons have been urged. But the colored churchman has none of these things to contend with; hence other reasons must be found for laxity along this line.

It will be admitted by the most casual observer that that religious fervor that attended the colored man's tramp from slavery has to a great extent subsided, and it is well enough that the cruder manifestations of that fervor has been lopped off. But that religious force, to be consistent, should be made manifest in new phases or by the emphasis of the more acceptable religious activities, which seem to be wanting. The effort to introduce these newer notions is not merely a whim nor a caprice in order to be popular. It is a studious movement suggested by the life of the church.

The movement will result in immediate, if not permanent good. It will act very much as a revival—a sort of tonic for an apparent declining religious system. Rev. Dr. Townsend, of Columbus, pastor of one of the most progressive churches in the connection, says:

"In our church we shall have a vested choir of fifty members. We shall observe the Bible feast days, our church deaconesses will be robed and will do the work of the Catholic sisters. Our services will be made more impressive by psalm reading and intonations. I myself shall be robed and shall attempt by voice and word to impress upon my hearers the beauty as well as the solemnity of public worship. I have a deeper purpose than mere ritualistic design in asking for a vested choir. Our people spend too much of their money for their clothes and too much time admiring it and showing it. I would remove this evil by removing the opportunity for self-adornment and ostentation. It will be a good thing for our girls and will, I hope, tend to keep their minds above mere matters of personal adornment."

Dr. Townsend's observation as to the necessity of the innovation will be applauded throughout the entire country. To have taken his stand a half dozen years ago would have been disastrous to himself and his church, not so much owing to the proposed innovations as to the advertised reasons for so doing. The time is ripe now for the utterance of those truths so long baffled by the bread and butter element in the struggle. We do not despair of his success in surrounding his services with the solemnity due them, nor of his administration of the temporal side of his work

Bruce Williams, formerly of this city, but now in the army of the Philippines, has informed his friends that he expected to take an examination for a second lieutenancy. He has been promoted to the highest grade of non-commissioned officers. Mr. Williams is a worthy young man and deserving of success.

The father of Fred Alexander, the young Negro burned at Leavenworth, Kas., some time ago, is making an effort to have the leaders of the mob brought to justice. Seven hundred dollars has been raised by the Negroes, it is said, to assist in the prosecution.

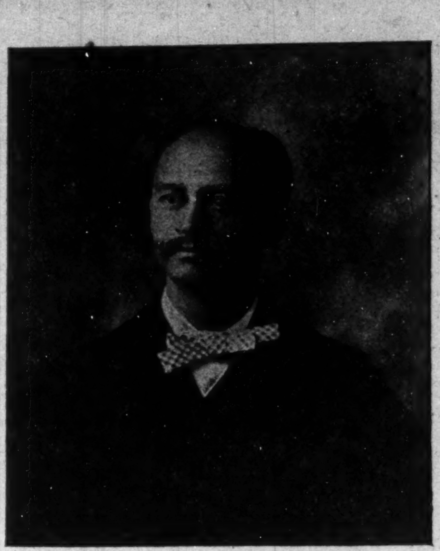
Bishop Turner is growing facetious. He thinks all bad Negroes should be banished to Africa. Does he mean to be sarcastic?

### Death of Prof. S. T. Mitchell.

Wilberforce, O., Special.—Prof. Samuel T. Mitchell, President of Wilberforce University from 1884 to 1900, died at his home, Wilberforce, Ohio, Thursday morning, April 11, at 5:40 o'clock. He was born September 24, 1851, in Toledo, O., to David and Nancy A. Mitchell. From six to thirteen was in the public schools of Cleveland, Cincinnati, Walnut Hills. Oct. 4, 1864, entered Wilberforce; was converted, Feb. 1, 1865. Helped to organize, and named the Sodalian Society. Was teacher at the Wilberforce University. Poverty compelled labor on all the farms in the vicinity. Graduated with highest honors from Classical course, June, '73. Taught at Wilmington, O., two years; was Principal of Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City Mo., where highest income, $2000, was received. Helped organized Colored State Teachers' Association, and was its first president. Drew up and secured passage of bill which opened the doors in St. Louis, Kansas City and elsewhere to colored teachers. Licensed to preached, '75. Principal in Springfield, O., five years, on ten years' certificate. Lay delegate to General Conference, at Baltimore, in '84. Was author of "Endowment" Day and general educational scheme, under which the Connection has since operated. Received degree A. M. from his Alma Mater in '81. Elected President Wilberforce University in '84. He was an able logician, an eloquent speaker, and a mathematician of the highest order. During the period he served as President of Wilberforce University he saw the institution double in students, in property value, in endowment, and treble in faculty and in annual income. He planned and secured under statute, the organization of the State Normal and Industrial Department at the University which receives $12,500 per annum from the State of Ohio. Received honor of L. L. D. from State University of Kentucky, in '89, and appointment by U. S. Com. Harris, as a vice president of the Educational Congress at the Columbian Exposition. He was an active, enthusiastic educator for forty years or more. His funeral took place at 1 o'clock p. m., Monday, April 15, 1901.

### A Wedding in High Life.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—The parlors of Mrs. G. B. Griffin were very prettily decorated Wednesday evening April 3, and filled with some of the best people of the city to witness the marriage of their daughter Miss Ida B. Griffin to Mr. Frank E. Boss. Shortly after 8 o'clock as the pianist Mrs. J. C. Williams played the wedding march the bridal couple entered the room and were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. After the ceremony the guests were invited to partake of a grand feast which was much enjoyed. The bride was the recipient of many useful and valuable presents. The revival meetings at the differents churches in the city are meeting with great success. When a Negro goes down the average white newspaper crows loudly; but when a Negro does something commendable and goes up, it is dumb as an oyster. The concert given at Love and Charity Hall Monday April 8, for the benefit of Old Folks and Orphans Home society was largely attended. Why is it colored friends, that the white lad grow up to be something great in the world, while the colored child grow on an equal and accomplishes nothing The mother of the white child tells him, when in pinafores that he is to be a doctor or lawyer and it sticks to him all through life; and the Negro's mother tell him from birth "You'll never be any thing as long as you live" and that sticks to him. Mothers stop telling your children such rot. Teach them to choose a profession and sticks to it. Make them think they are something and they will be something.



BENJAMIN R. BOULDING, Norfolk, Va.

Among the many young men of business, push, pluck, prominence and merit in Virginia none stand higher in the esteem and confidence of both races than Mr. Benjamin R. Boulding, of Norfolk, Va. His experience as Captain and Adjutant of the battalion of cadets at the Hampton Institute, of which he is a graduate, has given him a military carriage, which, added to a magnificent physique, makes him a notable figure in any gathering.

For a number of years he served as Principal of the Blackstone Public Schools, resigning to accept a position in the United States railway mail service, which he has held for ten years, running a distance of 208 miles on the Great Southern Railway system as "Clerk in Charge," having been promoted from junior to senior clerk in 1893.

He was the first colored clerk in the service ever elected as delegate to the Railway Postal Clerks' National Convention. He has served as Director of the Daily Recorder Publishing Company and of the Tidewater Beneficial Association.

When the Y. M. C. A. of this city decided to erect a building, the first of its kind ever built for colored men, Mr. Boulding was chosen one of the first to break ground for that edifice.

When the St. Vincent Hospital, a private institution, whose doors had never been closed to colored people, was destroyed by fire he in connection with Judge T. H. Willcox and Alfred P. Thom, Esq., leading lawyers and Police Commissioners, successfully led the movement in the soliciting of funds for its restoration.

Mr. Boulding ranks high in Masonic circles, and is looked upon by members of the fraternity as a Mason who will be called upon at no late day to fill some of the highest positions within their gift.

In church and literary matters he takes an active part, and has served as vestryman and registrar of Grace P. E. Church; as president of several literary societies.

### Rockford News.

Rockford, Ill., Special.—Easter Sunday at the Allen Chapel was observed very appropriately the alter was decorated very prettily with flowers. Sunday morning a fair sized congregation greeted the pastor. In the evening the Sunday school held their exercises which consisted of recitations from the little folks and a class song by six young ladies. The choir sang very beautifully, "Come see the place where the Lord lay." J. Walter Baker has returned from an extended stay in the Windy City. Mrs. E Lehman has returned from Chicago after a short visit among friends, not failing to take in the Easter ball given by the Knight Templers of Medinah. Mr. Jesse Wright has been indisposed for some time without much sign of improvement. It is with real regret that we learn of the removal of Mr. Jas. Williams from our city. Mr. Williams is one of our pioneer citizens in Rockford and his going out will make a vacancy that will take some time to fill, but this much we can say, Rockford's loss will be Chicago's gain. Mr. Allen, late of Chicago but now of Rockford, is soon to leave for Oakland, Cal. Miss Aline Etheridge entertained the other Whist club Friday evening. A goodly number of Rockford ladies are going to Chicago in May to attend the Knights of Pythias Ball. Miss Ella De Priest is visiting in Savanna, Ill., she returns this week much to the joy of some one. There is a number of fresh arrivals from other cities giving Rockford quite a metropolitan look. The Easter ball given by the Eastern Star ladies was a pronounced success, dancing was indulged in until rather late.

### Muncie Items.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—The Twentieth Century Club composed of young ladies in their teens, gave an entertainment assisted by Miss Lyda Pate of Indianapolis, Monday evening. Rev. Coleman delivered an excellent sermon Sunday evening which was enjoyed by a crowded house. Miss Pate gave a recital at Second Baptist church Tuesday evening. "A Hat Trimming" contest will be given Monday evening April 22, at the A. M. E. church. Two prizes will be one for the best trimmed hat other for the poorest. Miss Rickman who has been the guest of her brother E. Rickman for several weeks has returned to her home in Ohio. Miss Bell Coleman left for New York Thursday. Mrs. Richerdson also entertained Wednesday evening the young people from 8 to 10, in honor of Miss Coleman and Miss Pate of Indianapolis. Miss Hill has returned home after a visit with friends in this city. Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. White visited in Anderson Sunday. Mr. James Robbins of Urbana, O., is in Muncie the guest of his sons. Mr. Grant Frazier who had the position of snare drummer in Eagle Band has resigned.

### Lone Star State Items.

Ft. Worth, Tex., Special.—Rev. A. R. Griggs, D. D., was in the city of Ft. Worth this week. Miss Clara Gater of Duquoin, Ill., has been visiting friends and relatives in the South. She left last night for her home. Rev. F. Heard passed through enroute to Detrit, Tex. Rev. A. D. Hutchison will be in the city next week to assist Rev. A. F. Cooper in his revival at the A. M. E. church. Mr. B. D. Shaw has accepted a position as a Pullman car porter on the T. A. P. Ry. Mr. George Johnson of Jacksboro, Tex., is in the city. Mrs. Huffman of 1044 Rail Road Ave., is very ill. Mrs. Lula Dean is still very low. A special coach of Masonics and other friends attended the sermon at Dallas, Tex., the 7th. Dr. P. R. Robinson was called to Ennis to the bedside of his sick wife. Mrs. B. D. Shaw is ill. The Afro-American Benevolent Association is doing a great work, agents wanted. Mr. and Mrs. J. Briggin left for Dallas on the 7th. The Freeman is finding its way out through the city. Don't borrow your neighbor's paper, buy one of your own. Please have the money when your agent delivers your paper. A grand entertainment was given at Handley at Rev. Bell's church April 5. It was well attended many friends from Ft. Worth being present.

### Easter Notes.

Macon, Mo., Special.—Easter services were observed Sunday afternoon at the A. M. E. church and an elaborate programme was rendered. The church was beautifully decorated with palms, birds, and evergreen, suitable for the occasion. Mr. Albert Lobbins of St. Louis is visiting relatives and friends of this place, Miss Bernice Gooding made a flying trip to Beaver Tuesday Will Todd "Missouri Kid" pitched the the game at Kirksville the 18th. Todd is said to be the best pitcher in this part of the state. Messrs. Phil and Will Wallace and Charley Drew report as having spent a nice Easter a Hannibal, Mo. Prof. R. G. Wells, phrenoligist gave a series of lectures and entertainments last week at the A. M. E. church and G. A. R. hall. Essie Williams and Ellis Henderson left for Buffalo. Harry Gray light weight will fill an engagement at Keota, Mo, some time in the near future. The entertainment given by the U. B. T. lodge Monday night was quite a success.

### In and About the City.

Yazoo City, Miss., Special.—Mr. Henry Weathers died April 7, at the age of 68 years. He leaves a wife, two daughter, son, and hosts of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Funeral services were held at St. Peter Baptist church, Rev. S. S. Butler assisted by Rev. H. C. Evans officiating. Rev. A. J. Russell of the A. M. E. church is conducting a successful revival. April 8, the friends of Mrs. Carrie Ragland were called upon to mourn her death which occurred at 8 o'clock of that date. The funeral was conducted from St. Stephens M. E. church, Rev. G. W. Smith, P. C., officiating. The many relatives and friends have the sympathy of the entire community. Rev. H. C. Evans of Columbus, State Organizer of the B. Y. P. U. is in the city. He perfected organizations in St. Peter and Mt. Vernon Baptist churches. Mr. Frank Smith, former head waiter at Hotel Trolio, Canton, Miss., has accepted a similar position at the Magnolia Inn, this city. Mr. Wm. Hallback sends regards to all K. of P's.

## TWO MEN OF NOTE.

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one of these could not leave him without admiring his unselfish nature; for he always has the same cheery treatment for all, no matter how humble or how great.

Britishers have designs on our popular friend. His manager, Hon. J. Frank Wheaton, is negotiating with a large London house for an indefinite engagement and new achievments may be expected from this contemplated trip.

All in all, Ernest Hogan is a most wonderful genius. Having received a tremendous ovation last Saturday at the Orpheum Theatre, Brooklyn, after singing four of his late songs, the audience were determined to "get their money's worth," as Hogan would say, when this prince of his profession surprised everybody, even his manager, by returning to the footlights, English Concertina in hand, and rendering, for the first time on the stage, a beautiful and difficult selection. This took the house by storm. In fact it seemed such a daring liberty to take with this aristocratic audience; but they were Hogan's, and it went, that's all.

Mr. Hogan has progressive ideas which he proposes to put in operation, looking to the elevation of the colored profession. He thinks there should be a closer bond of union between the disciples of the stage and the church people. He will attempt to effect arrangements with preachers to hold special services for colored performers spending Sunday in their towns; thus inspiring the performer with noble thoughts and lofty efforts. His recent letter to the White Rats Society, was an effective appeal in behalf of his race in the profession. Would that the race had a thousand men like Hogan on the stage.

## CORRESPONDENCE

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crowded last Sunday night to listen to the discourse on "What is Man, that Thou Shouldst be Mindful of Him," delivered by Rev. M. T. Tulfurd, of Vicksburg, Miss In this discourse we are taught the need of relying upon God. The Rev. Tulfurd said that man's inventions were marvelous, but, after all, he could do nothing unless God was with him. He pictured David being pursued by his enemies, but always put his trust in God. Job, said he, surrounded by foes of hell never was dismayed. He told his auditors of the need of pure hearts to dwell with God in peace. The pastor, Rev. W. M. Neal, should feel proud of having this distinguished prelate to preside.

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Miss Luella Green, of 195 Monroe St., was tendered a swell party at her residence by some of her warm friends last week. Dainty refreshments were served in abundance. We are sorry that one of our staunch supporters, Miss Ella Emmery, is confined to her room with a mild attack of la grippe. D. J. Mitchell, C. G. M., of Franklin, Tenn., is in the city. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bennett, who have been residing in Little Rock, Ark., is in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Joe McNeal are blessed with a fine baby girl, which was welcomed to that home last week. Miss Levenia Grey is sole proprietor of Bluff City hotel. We should support this young lady by our patronage. We want our many friends to patronize Tom Nelson, 145 Beale street. He is the best tailor in the city. Rev. Climmons, of Beale Street Baptist Church, had a fight, last Sunday, with a deacon—heads, deacon wins; tails, the Rev. lose. He looked like he bumped into a street car. Miss Hattie L. Pearson spent a pleasant evening with Miss Josie Bell, 79 Susette street, last week. Misses Rosella Love and Minnie A. Pearson, accompanied by Mr. Sandy Jefferies, were the guests of Miss Ella Owens, 206 Robinson street. Miss Edna Meacham and Miss Florence Williams were the guests of Miss Hattie L. Pearson, 743 Woodward avenue, last week. Albert Clark and family, 353 Wellington street, whose home was destroyed by fire, left on April 17th for Hot Springs, Ark. We are glad to know that Mrs. Guoin is up again after a few week's illness. Young ladies wanted to handle The Freeman; good money to be made; 27 Turley street. S. Stovall has moved his barber shop to 533 Main street. Go to the Delmonico cafe, Mrs. Eatmon, proprietor. A. J. Hardemon, 162 South Second street, is the place to buy your groceries. Johnnie Parker wishes The Freeman success. J. T. Tunstill, the barber, certainly has a pretty shop, and all swell gents go there.

E. W. SADLER.

### Dyersburg News.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.—Rev. E. W. Mosley gave to his congregation one of his excellent sermons on last Sunday at 11 a. m. Mrs. L. E. B. Rosser is improving. The Carnival entertainment given at the Bruce High School on last Thursday and Friday nights was a success. Mr. Bailom Ferguson one of the old citizen of Dyersburg was killed last Saturday by a switch engine.

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RUSCO & HOLLAND'S NASHVILLE STUDENTS.—Helena, Ark, Apr 20; Cairo, Ill, 22; Duquoin, 23; Decatur, 24; Springfield, 25; Danville, 26; Attica, Ind 27; La Fayette, 29

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURES (Voelckel and Nolan managers)—Carlisle, Pa, Apr 20; Lebanon, 22; Pottsville, 23; Mahoney City, 24; Shenandoah, 25; Hazelton, 26; Reading, 27

SLAYTON'S JUBILEE SINGERS.—Lyons, Neb Apr 20; Perry, Iowa, 22; Keosauqua, 23; Lancaster Mo, 24

CANADIAN JUBILEE SINGERS.—Glace Bay, C B Canada, Apr 22 Sydney, 23; Picton, N S 25; Oxford, 26; Spring Hill, 27-28; Truro, 29; Windsor, 30

THE ZOO (Frank C. Bostock, director)—Indianapolis, Ind, continuous and idefinite

Franklin, "one man band," died in Chicago last week.

Phil. Ownes, of New Orleans minstrels, died at Johnston, S. C., April 10.

Major Ben F. Payne and the Payne Sisters send regards to all professional friends.

Robt. Leach, Grand Lake, Ark., sends regards to Craig, "Pap." Eason and all professional friends.

Jesse Smith has closed with the Harrison Bros. minstrels and returned to his home at Nashville, Tenn.

George Temple left Tuesday for Louisville, Ky., where he will work at the Summer Bros., summer park.

R. L. Wixstrom, formerly general agent with Swain's Nashville Students, has joined Gideon's Big Minstrel Carnival.

Harry Eaton the popular comedian assisted by a large company are presenting a one act Comedy entitled "Jasper's Birthday," in Boston, Mass.

J. Ed. Green writes that the poem in last week's Freeman, entitled "A Coon With Raglan Craze" by Sherman Boone, took immensely in Chicago.

Billy Eldridge, the well known and popular comedian, died Apr. 15th at the insane hospital, Chicago; the funeral services being held at 3121 Dearborn.

Cissel and Mines, who accepted an unlimited engagement with Pat Chappelle's Buckingham Theatre at Tampa, Fla, reports things are in flourishing condition and money plentiful.

The Brown's Southern Concert Co., opened its 2nd season at Trenton, Tenn., and have played to good business all along; at Dyersburg Tenn., and Fulton, Ky., we packed them to the doors. We have a few more towns to make in our home state then we go in Kentucky. We manage to get "The Black Clipper" every week; all are well and happy. W. S. Brown would like to hear from Richard H. Barnett.

The Shackelford-Sullivan Dramatic company of Selma, Ala., played to crowded houses there on April 9, 10, 11, presenting "A Gilded Fool," "The Blue and the Gray," and "As by Fire." Every member of this company scored a hit, especially John L Garrett as comedian and entertainer. The great fire scene in "As by Fire" took the audience by storm. The company will play at home once more and then leave on its spring tour of the state. Every member of the company is a dear lover of The Freeman and looks for it every week.

Notes from Wm. Hallback's Mimstrel Jubilee Co.—We opened at Jackson, Miss., April 15th to an overflowing house; the S. R. O., sign was posted at 7:15. The show was a roaring success from start to finish. The company numbers 20, carrying band and orchestra. The business roster is as follows: Wm. Hallback, sole owner; Oliver Beach, business manager; Charles Roltare, advance agent; Prof. Wm. Wright, leader band and orchestra and G. Y. Smith, stage manager. Regards to all K. of P.'s

Harry Eaton writes from Boston that he opened at Keith's on the 8th for an eight weeks run together with Belle Davis and fifty trained voices making a decided hit. Cooper and Bailey, the clever young comedians are in the city from a trip over the Sheedy and Buffington circuit. Dora Patterson and John Larkins played Austin and Stones the week of the 8th, while Tom Brown was at the Boston Music Hall. Clarence Powell is billed heavy at "The Howard" Ben Hunn after a return date leaves for Chicago the 20th to go on the Kohl and Castle circuit.

Notes from the New Orleans minstrels.—The big show is now draped in mouring over the loss of our beloved friend, Phillip Ownes, who died in Johnston, S. C., Wednesday night, Apr. 10th. He was sick eight days. A collection of $63.50 was raised by members of the company for the bereaved widow, who was a loving and devoted wife. Mr. Ownes was born in Paducah, Ky., twenty-six years ago, and only two brothers of his relatives survive him. He leaves a host of friends. Messrs. Oakes & Quine extended an invitation to Mrs. Ownes to make her home with the show as long as she desired.

Beginning with Monday matinee the I. T. C. Club, a local organization, will give two entertainments at the Empire Theatre at White, Tenn., which promises to be something out of the ordinary, and well worth patronizing. The program includes singing, dancing, cake walking, high-class musical numbers, Legerdeman moving pictures and vaudeville novelties. Among the names on the list of performers are those of several acknowledged favorites in this city who have hosts of friends always anxious to attend entertainments where they are announced to take part. It is reported that aside from the numbers which appear on the printed program several very pleasant surprises are being arranged for those who attend.

The Canadian Jubilee Singers, an organization composed of 9 persons of color, 2 ladies and 7 gentlemen gave us a high-class "musicale" at the Y. M. C. A. Hall last evening, April 4th, 1901, standing room was at a premium. They are the best colored company that ever visited Quebec. The quality of music rendered was of the highest order. The company is headed by Mr. and Mrs Carter, and W. Cary; E. S. Thomas, C. H. Francis, Madame Marie Dorsa, Walter Laurence, F. N. Warner and L. A. Lucas purchased from me my best furlined overcoats. I am pleased to state they are the only company traveling who ever left the amount of $500.00 cold cash for value received since our business has been operating. Truthfully yours,

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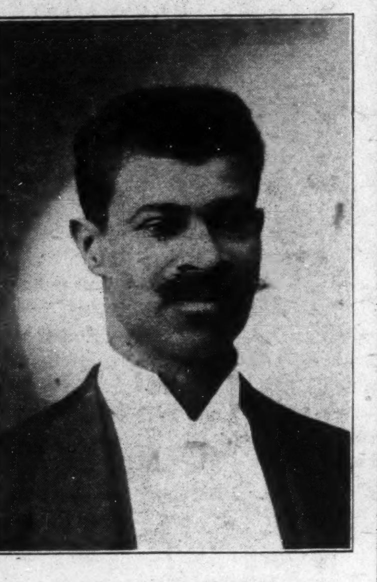
Mett L. Brantley writes from New Orleans.—Lewis Kenner, the popular Garden district comedian and cake walker, will be in great demand this summer. Willie Prowler won first prize in the Black Patti Troubadours' cake walk. Jerry Jackson, baritone songster, has a splendid voice and is an excellent arranger of quartette music. W. B. Russell has composed a piece of ragtime music that is worthy of praise. Bob. Pierson is very popular as a comedian and songster. The Nashville Students closed a very successful week's engagement here Saturday night; Miss Lela Chatman will travel with them next season; Messrs. Clermont, Tucker and Desdunes are with them, and were shaking hands with old comrades here last week.

A star that is fast rising in firmament of Negro actors of worth and note is Prof. Alfred J. Murray, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Murray was born in the village of Flatbush, L. I., New York, June 21, 1865. From a small boy he was an expert at tricks and school boy "magic." At the age of fifteen he could do more tricks than many persons now on the stage working for and expecting professional honors. When he reached manhood the desire to become a great magician siezed him. There were few or no openings at that time for colored people upon the amusement stage. Since Williams & Walker and other pioneers have worked their way to success, Mr. Murray has pushed his way to the front in his line and today stands peerless as a Negro magician of national note, and has justly won the name of "The Black Herrmann. The dexterity of Prof. Murray's hand has caused hundreds to wonder and the leading press in the East to give favorable comment. One of his latest tricks is the coin disappearing act which is an act of over half an hour, entitled: "The Miser's Dream." Handkerchiefs, billiard balls, coins, cards, knives, forks, spoons etc, appear and disappear at the bidding of Prof. Murray. He concludes with an improved cabinet trick, in which he is tied hand and foot by a committee of strangers from those present, who also watch that he has no confederates. The magician soon appears from the cabinet unchained and untied. Prof. Murray has been a winning card in several Negro companies, and is at present open for engagements. All communications should be addressed (with stamp) to Prof. A. J. Murray, 367 Hudson ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., where the noted magician resides.



Prof. Alfred J. Murray.

Clarksville, (Tenn.) professional notes.—The Freeman is in receipt of inside information concerning the booking of the noted Harrison Bros.' mammoth minstrels on May 1. Populace rejoices at the glad tiding and it is a foregone conclusion that the knights of the footlights will do a banner business here. No colored organizations have played the town in two years. Therefore they will prove to be a curiosity as well as a drawing card: It is said they will have nearly 100 performers traveling in an entire train of palace cars. The latest song that is being sung by the ham-fat performers here is: "If I Only had a Dollar of My Own." Sometimes they get an encore, sometimes a free lunch etc. Burney Price, well-known basso profoundo is considering an engagement with Harrison Bros.' minstrels.

The Slayton Jubilee Singers are now in Kansas, having finished their Missouri and Oklahoma time. The company is so well impressed with that country the members say they could round out a long life, and die in peace and contentment without ever seeing it again. At Wichita we met Mr. Grant S. Neal, a traveling representative of The Freeman, and he is a hustler who knows how to get subscription and orders. The company was tendered a reception at Baldwin, Kansas, by the Booker T. Washington club, and in response to the toast "The Slayton Jubilee Singers" Mr. Helms, our manager, made a very able address. Responses were made also by Messrs. Tutt and Washington, the one by Mr. Tutt being in a humourous vein, which kept his audience laughing during its entire delivery. On the 6th inst. Mr. and Mrs. Tutt presented Mr. Albert Johnson, the musical director of the company, with an ebony baton mounted with silver. Our programme has been stregthened by a duet by the Helms, which never fails to reach the coldest audiences, and by a mixed quartette which is an instantaneous hit everywhere we go. Mr. Turner is enjoying married life to the greatest extent, and his advice to all single men is get married. Owing to the uncertain fluctuations of the weather Miss Murphy has been indisposed, but is fast getting in health again. Kansas weather is certainly as fickle as the most fickle maid any novelist ever dreamed of. The weather seems to be shaken out of a dicebox, and one day it is pleasant, the next raining, then snowing, then a blizzard with a cyclone finish, etc., etc. The weather man may have a picnic in other states, but when it comes to Kansas he earns every dollar paid him Our next states are Nebraska and Iowa for a few dates then "Home sweet home."

Frank Clermont, cornetist, enroute with Nashville Students and Gideon's Big Minstrel Carnival, writes.—We opened our week's engagement at the Cresent Theatre, New Orleans, La., (the writer's home) to a packed house. Our band concert under direction of George Bryant, is a stellar attraction; Sunday night's concert was greeted to its height; nothing but the most difficult music being rendered. Skinner Harris, the popular comedian and stage manager, has won friends and honor with the entire company; he is the partner of one of the most popular musicians in the business, Dan Desdunes. They joined hands some time ago and since have been making good out East; they never failed to keep the audience in an uproar. Julius Glenn, the eccentric comedian, widely known, is the director comique of the "Whangdoodle quartette," viz. Glenn, Goodall, Looney, Johnson. Fred and Manzie Campbell, in their new 20th Century specialty, introducing coon songs and buck dancing with cake walk finish, Billy Miller, from ocean to ocean there aint no more, is singing and doing his monologue as usual and keeps the end very warm. Our balladists are, Blaine Bly, E. J. Looney, Napoleon Johnson, A Copeland and John Moberly. George Baquet joined us at Memphis, Tenn. Marsh Craig, our contortionist, is well and sends regards to friends. James Norman, our Rube in last act, says "howdy" to all friends. Desdunes and Harris have several new songs to their credit. Will Jones, slide trombonist and versatile comedian, is featured in our last act as Carrie Nation, and never fails to make good. Julius Glenn and Skinner Harris were the guests of Frank Clermont in New Orleans; they send regards to Bob. Mallory, Elwood Knox and Archie Greathouse. The entire company was honored with several receptions by Robichaux's orchestra, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Camille (Clermont's sister), the Social Inn and several private affairs. Wm. Blue is leading the No. 2 band Frank Jackson, tuba player and A. J. Jacque have joined the big show.

Notes from Harrison Brothers' largest minstrel show in the world.—Dalton was our last stand in Georgia, and while it has been a highly profitable state for the management, we are all glad to be headed northward once more. Harry McClain rejoins us at Dalton to take his old position back on the end and will be warmly welcomed by performers and managers alike. Prof. Cromwell closed at Newman as did also Maribel Proctor. Ellie Johnson of Henderson, Ky., supplies the former's position as leader of orchestra. Several special acts will be put on next week which will greatly strengthen our already strong program. Our stage manager, Daniel E. Washington, has received a sketch written for himself, wife and Richard Barnett, by Mr. Frank Dumont of Philadelphia. Jessie Proctor and Carrie Smith have a new singing and dancing specialty. Little Rastus, (Bennie Brown), is scoring a hit nightly in his stop-time buck dancing as is also, David Jackson. George Horace is playing some difficult solos on his new clarionets; and Brinker, Combs and Marshall on their slide trombones. The Cathedral church choir featuring Mrs. Washington as soloist, scores a hit at every performance. Mr. Hugh Harrison returned from New Orleans last week with new wardrobe complete for stage and street—"beautiful and a joy forever," is the only way to describe our handsome costumes. The entire show is being painted and refitted, cars and all, and we will cross the Mason and Dixon line in keeping with the title: "The Elite Colored Minstrel of the World." We are all eagerly watching The Freeman, expecting to see an announcement of a number 2 show, which the Messrs. Harrison have had under advisement for sometime Our stage manager is mute on the subject and the Messrs. Harrison when asked about the number 2, tells us to watch The Freeman. Each member of the company will have a special lithograph billing from April 25, and of course we all are anxious to see how we look in four colors.

Chicago.—The sun has begun to shine on both sides of the street and the actor man has a broad smile of satisfaction on his face, for there is always "something doing" when the sun shines. Charles Moore played an engagement on the North side with the Foggs Ferry company. Mr. Moore is the only colored artist in the company having a special role; they left for St. Louis this week. Gene Leggins and Maud Grundy won the prize in the cake walk contest over 6 couples at Chicago Beach hotel. Elmore Dodd played with the Indian band during their engagement at Alhambra with Go-wan-go Mohawk, the Indian actress, in the "Flaming Arrow." Bobby Kemp is at 158 19th street. At the vaudeville houses: Yeager, Kelley and Yeager are on the bill at Chicago Opera House; Caldwell and Henry at Olympic; Tom Brown, Mallory Bros. and Brooks at the Haymarket. One of the swellest events of the season was the marriage of Henry Brooks and Miss Hattie McClure, both of Indianapolis, which occurred the 10th inst. at the residence of Mrs. Lucy Carter, 2635 LaSalle street. Those prominent among the guest were Mrs. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Carey, Miss G. Sanders and many others; the affair was noteworthy and very quiet. Christian and Thomas are underlined at the down town houses, and are expected in the city soon. Proctor and Hamilton have returned from St. Louis, where they report a successful trip over the Hopkins circuit. Charles Sager's new production "Darkness and Dawn" presented at the Institutional church Thursday and Friday evenings, 18th and 19th inst., was a success; over 100 people were used in the cast; the scenery from the Hopkins theatre was artistically arranged; Will Coleman, Will Greggs, Bobbie Kemp and Mr Hall formed a good quartette. Bessie Kinney will find out something of much interest to her by writing James Love, "the informer." The Sherrah quartette has cancelled their engagement with the Sells Bros.' circus and accepted a contract to appear with "Palmer's Theatrical Enterprises;" Roanoke will probably be their first Co. Lawrence Chenault is still in the city; he filled numerous Easter engagements at several white churches. Silas Frazier is rehearsing a company to appear at Buffalo; they expect to leave the city about the 20th inst. Mrs. Norton has recovered from a severe attack of la grippe and is appearing nightly with her husband, Charles Norton, at the Burley. J. Ed. Green, after returning from Indianapolis, was confined to his bed for several days, but is able to be about again. "Ragtime Jimmie" and his band filled an engagement at South Chicago last week. Arthur Maxwell, Harry Craton and John Christian are among the novelty acts in the city. Slayton Jubilees are expected in the city the 3rd of May. Kid Brown and wife, who lately returned from Denver, Col., are rehearsing a new act to appear in vaudeville; the team will be known as Brown and Brown. Irvin Jones, after a successful run in Rochester and Detroit is in the city again and will open at Kansas City 20th inst. "Earthquake" has left the city to join Campbell's circus, impersonating the character of "Me and Myself, the Wild Man." Prof. N. Clark Smith has charge of an orchestra of 9 pieces, Miss Daisy Robinson, pianist; Tom Lewis, cornetist; Wm. Berry, traps; S. D. Howard, 1st violin; Felix Ware 2nd violin; C. A. Kennedy, viola; C. James, bass; Roy Taborn, baritone; Wm Lawson, clarionetist; West Jenkins and wife of "South B 4 the War" company, are in the city. —J. ED. GREEN.

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Greater New York.—Earnest Hogan is back in the city after a successful week's engagement at New Haven, Conn. Chas. H. Moore's Walhallas appeared before an immense audience in the Grand Central Palace last Saturday evening. The jubilee was staged admirably by the clever comedian Hen Wise. Among those that appeared were: Joe and Sadie Britton, Mme. Dempsey, Chas. White, Ida Larkins, Shepard N. Edwards, Kate Milton, the Hills and Liners, Son and Sontag. The audience was well pleased. Bradley and Bradley were at Bushwick's Music hall last week. Judson Hicks is out again among his friends after several days stay at the Colored Folk's Home; Mr. Hicks is suffering with bronchitas. Will Accooe, the talented composer, is now engaged permanently with Geo. W. Lederer, on Broadway. The extra music composed by him for the "Casino Girl" won for him new laurels at the Knickerbocker Theatre on the opening of that production April 8. George H. Hammond, late member of the Big Sensation, also of Isham's Octoroons, is the proprietor of the Senate Hotel and dancing pavillion at Coney Island this season. The Mitchells have signed with the Castle Square Comedy Company; they will present their original sketch entitled "Aunt Mandy's Mishaps." Joe W. Moxley was in charge of the monster vaudeville entertainment given at Tammany Hall, April 8. Mr. Moxley joined Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 12, K. of P., April 3. The Brittons—Joe and Sadie, are booked for ten weeks over Boom's circuit of parks, beginning June 17. Frazier and Peterson made an enormous hit at the Atlantic Garden last week. Dick Franklin, singing comedian and mimic, and company under this management were the opening attraction at Inman's Casino, Coney Island, last Sunday. Mr. Franklin sends regards to E. C. Knox and other Indianapolis "Buffalo" friends. Mr. Franklin's company is made up as follows: Misses Birdie Allen, Buttercup Lacalle, Alice Love, Laura Bowie, Eva Moore, Anna Gordon, Fannie Hudson and Ida Hill; Messrs. Billy Moore, Wesley Hill and Dick Franklin. Bob Cole and Billy Johnson, managers and proprietors of "A Trip to Coontown," through their attorneys, filed a petition in bankruptcy here April 11; liabilities, $3,767; assets, ——. Theodore Drury's grand opera company in Carl Gomez's opera "Il Guarany," are to appear at Carnegie Lyceum on the evening of May 6; Mme. Plato will assume the leading soprano role. Eddie James, the rag-time pianist champion, returned from a pleasure trip to Philadelphia, Friday of last week, arriving in time to appear with the Walhallas, Saturday evening. Mr. James is thinking seriously of locating in Vancouver, B. C. Aaron Taylor, better known as "Livers," has just received information from his mother at Philadelphia that the money due him from the suit with the steamship company at Honolulu was awaiting him at Philadelphia. Mr. Taylor left for Philadelphia Monday. Jesse Shipp, Jr., son of Jesse Shipp, the efficient stage director of Williams & Walker's big company, is in the city from Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Shipp is a 126 lb boxer of some repute, and his father is thinking of taking him to London for a series of bouts with some of the English boxers. Elmer Bowman and Al Johns, writers of "I've Chicken on the Brain' and "My Lady Love," have just finished another which is sure to be a winner, entitled "I Can't Get No Money From Home." Miss Eva Swanson made quite a hit singing "I Would Like to Hear That Song Again" with the Walhallas at Grand Central Palace, Saturday evening. Thos. Shipp, brother of Jesse Shipp, of Williams & Walker company, died at Cincinnati, Ohio, April 9. Mr. Shipp left Wednesday, the 10th, to attend the funeral. Miss Mattie Hughes (Mrs. Elmer Bowman) sailed for London, England, April 17, and is booked for one year. Wesley and Ida Hill were the winners of the cake and first prize at the Grand Central Palace, Saturday night. Bill Harris, late member of the Black Patti Troubadours, is in the city. Prof. P. G. Lowery arrived in the city last Saturday. Jube Johnson left for Philadelphia on Monday. Billy Banks is in the city. Dan and Lizzie Avery were at the New York Sunday. Belle Davis was on the Sunday bill at the Victoria. John J. Nolan, of Voelckel & Nolan, managers of the Black Patti Troubadours, is in the city.

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The benefit entertainment at the International, Buffalo, N. Y., last Friday night for "Mable Sinn" (Katie Neal) and her pickaninnies, who lost their entire wardrobe in the recent fire at the Palm garden, in that city, was largely attended and a financial success.

### Isham's Octoroons Tied Up.

Cincinnati, O., Special.—Bell Davis filed a sensational suit Saturday, Apr. 13, placed which Isham's "Octoroon" show in the hands of Attorney W. T. Porter as receiver. Judge S. W. Smith also issued a writ of attachment, and the show was attached in the afternoon of the same day. The plea is that Will Isham has usurped the rights of his brother and fails to account to him or to Miss Davis. Her claim is for $250 money advanced, and on a chattel mortgage for $1,500. The court was also informed that not only have the defendents refused to account to John Isham, but failed to account to the creditor. John Isham, the originator of the "Octoroon" show, is in the asylum at Amityville, N. Y., so his brother, Will Isham and Gus Fredericks are conducting the present tour. Read The Freeman; on sale every Saturday at the Phoenix shaving parlor, 526 West Sixth street. Miss Beatrice Graham gave a swell reception last Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. Smart and Miss Annie Ross of the Isham's "Octoroon" show. Some of the guests that were present were Miss Annie Bradford and Frank Habig, Miss Miss Fannie Batch and John Cooper, Miss Vire Dudley and John Stowers, Miss Mollie Braxton and Ed. Hanley. After the feast in the dinning room the guests all assembled in the drawing room, where they were very highly entertained by Messrs. Hanley and Stowers in funny story telling.

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# Race Gleanings

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The colored people of Mississippi have undertaken to furnish the building being erected at Jackson for the use of the colored blind of the State.

The Negroes of Georgia are assessed last year for property at $14,118,720, an increase of $558,541 over 1899. There are 110,895 voters in the State.

The first issue of The National Medical Journal has made its appearance. It is printed in book form and contains 51 pages. It is the first of the kind ever published by Negroes in the U. S.

By the will of Moses Pierce, recently deceased, a wealthy—cotton manufacturer of Norwich, Conn., the sum of $100,000 is devised as a fund with which to educate teachers for colored youth.

A farm of 600 acres, valued at $7,000, has been donated to the Methodists by William Steward and wife of Urbana, Ill., the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the education of colored people in the "Black Belt" of the South.

At the last session of the Board of Education, Wm. L. Bulkly, was nominated by Borough, Superintendent of schools, John Jasper for principal of school 80, in West Forty-first street.

Bulkly is the first Negro to be appointed to such a position.

For the first time in history a Governor of a Southern state has attended a university for colored students only and presented the diplomas to the graduates. The executive in question is the Hon. Charles D. Aycock, the newly-chosen Governor of North Carolina, and the occasion was the commencement of the medical and law departments of Shaw University at Raleigh.

On February 25th a civil service examination was held to fill the vacancy known as "time clerk" in the Government Printing Office. The competitors were ten young men of the Printing Office recommended for promotion. Three failed to pass the quite rigid examination Wallace B. Christian, of Baltimore, one of the two colored men admitted to the examination attainded the highest average and has been given the position. The salary is lucrative.

The report of the United States Commissioner of Patents, submitted to Congress showing information concerning Afro-American inventors:

"To some 165 colored inventors about 400 patents have been issued. Twenty-eight patents have been issued to one and to another twenty-two. So far as the records shows, Henry Blair, of Maryland, was the first colored patentee. In 1834 he received a patent for a cornplanter, and in 1836 one for a cottonplanter. Employed in the field and in the house, improvements in agricultural implements and articles of domestic use predominate. The sphere of their inventive effort has widened with the added opportunities afforded them to engage in mechanical vocations. They have made contributions to the electric arts and steam engineering, and many improvements in railway appliances, paper bag machines, etc. Before the civil war the master of a slave in Mississippi made application for a patent, but the Attorney General held in an opinion reported (Attorney General's opinion Volume IX, page 171) that an invention of a slave, though it be new and useful, could not be patented.

### News Notes.

Zanesville, O., Spicial.—A beautiful Easter program was rendered at St. Paul A. M. E. church Sunday. Hayward Pertis and Edward Smith of Pittsburg, Pa., are visiting in the city. The funeral of the late Allen Palmer was held Sunday at Union Baptist church. The funeral of Mrs. Martha King was held Monday from family residence on Muskingum Ave. Dr. Clinton, of Pittsburg, Pa., is visiting in the city. There was a social given by Stewardesses at St. Paul church Thursday evening. Miss A. G. Barnett was in Granville, O. Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Schoaft Barnett have returned here from Dayton, O. The Misses Cary entertained at their home on Whipple street Monday evening. Mrs. McNabb, Miss Anna Tate, and Mrs. Boyer are quite ill.

### The Freeman on Sale.

Copies of The Freeman on sale at Colemans restaurant 1214 Wylie Ave., Pittsburg, Pa., every Saturday.

## SECTIONAL LINES VANISHING

### A New Plan to Put the Negro in Touch --In the Great "Getting Together" Where Will He Be? Much Good Hoped For.

To the Editor of The Freeman.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—President McKinley, in his inaugural address, congratulates the country on the fact that sectional lines have been wiped out in the United States. Every one knows that it has been the policy of the president to even go more than half way to bring about this result, and his success has been flattering indeed. So we may safely conclude that the reconciliation between the North and South will be a generally recognized fact before the end of the present administration. This will mean that, as far as these parties are concerned, the war is over; but, in this general getting together, what is to become of the Negro? This is the question that naturally rises. Is he prepared to go more than half way to close the war which he and his white neighbor at the South have been fighting for these thirty-five years?

I note with a great deal of satisfaction that, although the masses of our people have not as yet so spoken, the influential agencies among the Negroes, viz., the editorial utterances of The Freeman, the Colored American, the Richmond Planet, the Christian Banner, the Recorder and other influential papers, and the public speeches and admonitions of our real leaders are all conciliatory, but manly in tone. This policy is the right one and it is having a good effect.

This brings us to the action of some of our colored citizens of Memphis with reference to the coming confederate reunion to be held here in May. At this time Memphis not only expects to entertain the confederate veterans, but it hopes to take advantage of the occasion to advance the interests of Memphis as it has done at no other time. A citizens general committee has been appointed to solicit funds with which to entertain the soldiers and the expected 40,000 visitors who will come to the city. More than $50,000 is asked from business men and citizens generally. All classes of citizens have been asked to contribute primarily in the interest of Memphis. Recognizing this opportunity to show that the Negroes of the city are interested in the development of their home town some of our colored business men and property owners have sent in donations to the citizens' committee. Mr. R. R. Church, our wealthiest colored citizen, who has vast property interests here, and who counts his wealth by the hundreds of thousands, heads this list with a contribution of $1,000.

As far as we have seen our leading journals and public men all over the country outside of Memphis have noted this action of Mr. Church's without a line of unfavorable criticism, but we have seen many letters and editorial utterances commending the wisdom of this policy. Strange as it may seem the Memphis correspondent of The Freeman strikes the only discordant note by writing a very caustic criticism in the Memphis column of The Freeman. We believe this was a mistake and are glad to record the fact in these columns that the majority of professional and business men among the colored people of our city commend the policy of Mr. Church and others in this matter and think that it will do the race good.

It was just a few days after the papers had heralded the fact of Mr. Church's contribution over the whole country that there was a bill offered in the Arkansas legislature to pension the ex-slaves of that state who went to war with their masters. Since that time a bill has been offered in our own state to pension the veterans of both armies of the late war. We verily believe that the action of our Memphis brethren has something to do with the offering of these bills. Another fact that I should have mentioned before is that when these contributions were made the suggestion was made through the public press of our city by some of the confederate veterans that some recognition be given the ex slaves who went to the war with their masters, and that they be invited to take part in the parade during the reunion. If these colored men come on this occasion they are to be taken care of. Let us push the get together policy for all we are worth without violating the principles of true manhood.

Yours for humanity,

T. J. SEARCY.

## PROMINENT NEGROES.

### Our Former Citizens.

An example of energy and ambition cannot be found more positive than in the success obtained by Mr. James Turner of Providence, R. I Mr. Turner is in every sense a self made man, of indominitable will power, possessing those characteristics that make all men great and successful. Born of humble parentage, he has worked his way up the ladder of fame by stealthy degrees and has amassed a fortune of between $35,000 and $40,000. In this work he has been greatly assisted by his estimable wife, Mrs. Julia Turner, who has been of great help to him, and Mr. Turner is in no happier vein than when extolling the benefits rendered him by his "better half." We present excellent likenesses of Mr. and Mrs. Turner to the many readers of The Freeman, and point with pride to their attainments. They have just returned to their home in Providence after an extended visit to relatives and friends in Indianapolis. They were recipients of many social functions during their visit to the middle West, and accepted the honors with their well known sense of appreciation. The Freeman wishes them a long and prosperous life, trusting that as they grow older their achievments will be graciously increased and that success will always attend them. Mr. Turner is active in the political and business world of Providence, and his handsome residence at 77 Carr street has been the scene of many social gatherings.

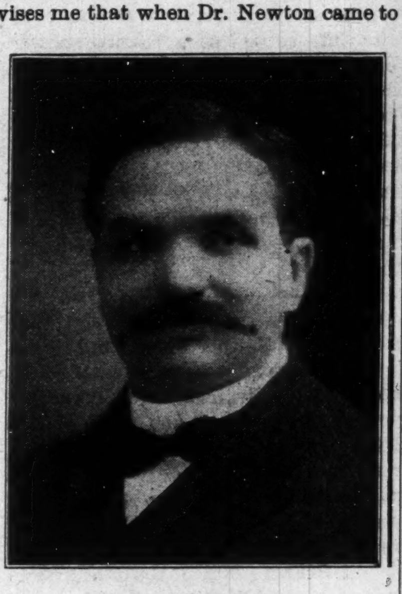
Mr. James J. Turner.

Mrs. Julia F. Turner.

## REV. DR. C. W. NEWTON,

### Pastor Bethel A. M. E. Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—I had a talk a few days ago with Rev. Dr. C. L. Bradwell, the presiding elder of the Atlanta district of the A. M. E. church connection, and Bishop Turner, the senior bishop of this connection, and in charge of the Georgia work, with regard to the work of the Rev. Dr. Newton, pastor of Big Bethel church here. I saw such a spirit of activity going on around and about Atlanta's pride, Big Bethel, I was led to make some inquiry as to what it all meant. Presiding Elder Bradwell and Bishop Turner advises me that when Dr. Newton came to Bethel on the 20th of last December the church was in debt to the amount of $31,000, and from that date to April 4th, 1901, he had reduced the debt to $21,928. He has had $1,000 thousand dollars improvement done on the church in addition to the above, and has paid for this work as it progressed.



Rev. C. W. Newton.

He has brought new life to Methodistism here and has joined with Rev. Dr. A. A. Whitman, pastor of Allen Temple, A. M. E. church, and they are wielding a mighty power in the city. On March 24th Dr. Newton took his congregation over Allen Temple and assisted Dr. Whitman in raising $900. On the 31st of March Dr. Whitman and his congregation came over to Big Bethel and assisted Dr. Newton in raising $700.

Dr. Newton has reorganized the choir of the church with twenty-four voices, composed of the best musical artisans in the city. He had a new set of officers elected: trustees, stewards, leaders, treasurer, clerk, chorister and organized twelve clubs that are to raise $100 a piece per month. By conference, next October he hopes to have Bethel on her feet again. Bishop Turner feels that he owes Bishop Grant a debt of gratitude for allowing Dr. Newton to come to Georgia and save the finest church edifice in the whole connection This Dr. Newton has done. He is in touch with every member of his congregation, and they stand by him. He is also well received by the people generally of Atlanta Last Sunday was Easter and his church was the finest decorated one in the city. The ladies of the church seems never to tire under the leadership of their esteemed pastor. The decoration of the church last Sabbath was due to them. In addition to the wonderful power of Dr. Newton in getting at one's money, he is also a good preacher; an intelligent one at that, such as will attract. He certainly is a magnet. He has a nice six room cottage on Young street, superbly furnished with all modern house furniture, electric lights, bells etc.

Rev. E. R. Carter, pastor of Friendship Baptist church has a regular exposition under way at the Old Folk Home. It is a great thing. He has on exhibition productions of every colored person in the city and from over the state. Next week is to be a gala one with the Baptist in Atlanta.—Isaac Humphrey.

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# SPORT

Edited By BREAKAWAY.

CORRESPONDENCE.

H. M., Louisville, Ky.—You lose.

I. E. H., Minneapolis, Minn.—Base ball.

H. S., Meridian, Miss.—You cannot hold him back.

Jno. P., Nashville, Tenn.—Major Taylor is now in France.

R. B. K., Davenport, Ia.—Molinaux, Childs, Dixon, Walcott.

D. H. N., Mobile, Ala.—Chess is the more complicated by far.

W. T., Davenport, Ia.—He has not retired; but is not fighting just now.

A. T. B., Johnstown, Pa.—John Anderson wins: but as that is called "dirty" gambling I advise you both to draw down your bet. Bets should be made on the square.

They are fighting in New York City on the sly.

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Kid McCoy says he is willing to fight Tom Sharkey, winner to take all.

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The Newby Oval bicycle course at Indianapolis will be opened May 1st.

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"Major" Taylor, the colored American rider, is beating all the European bicycle riders.

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Bob Long, of Chicago, defeated Bobby Dobbs, in the sixteenth round at Memphis, Tenn., last week. Dobbs broke his arm early in the fight.

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Young Corbett of Denver knocked out Eddie Santry of Chicago in the second round of their fight before the Colorado athletic association at Denver, Col., last night.

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Before 10,000 people T. P. Hayes brown colt Royal Victor won the Tennessee Derby last week from Lady Schorr, with Gaheris third, in 1:57, at Memphis.

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In a weight lifting contest at New York last week Rolandow, the American strong man, defeated Johnson, the Swede, after an interesting contest. Rolandow scored 3,236 points against 3,097 for the foreigner.

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Thomas W. Lawson has accepted an offer of the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' Association for a match race at Lexington, Ky., in October, between Boralma and The Abbott for $10,000 a side, the association to add one-half the gate receipts for that day; winner to take all.

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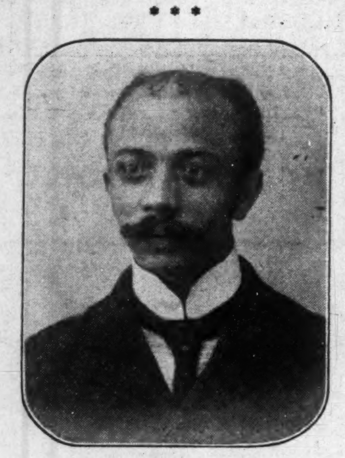

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Mike Conley, the former pugilist, and known as "the Ithaca Giant," was arrested recently, charged with being implicated in the murder of Telegraph Operator Charles D. Gildea, who died from the effects of a fractured skull received in a fight in "Bob" O'Brien's saloon, at Cincinnati early Sunday morning.

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The Indianapolis base ball team have begun their practice games and are simply surprising us all by their magnificent showing against the National league teams, winning most of the series with St. Louis, Cincinnati and Buffalo, American. Good work, keep it up boys, we are with you 50 cents strong every chance we get to spend it with you.

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BLACK HAWKS VS. SWAMP ANGELS.

New Orleans, La., Special.—The St. Charles Hotel waiters played their third game of base ball at Fenan's park April 3, defeating the "Swamp Angels" by a score of 7 to 6. Guests from the hotel and a large crowd of colored society being in attendance. The game was replete of sensational plays by different members of the opposing teams. Umpire, Mr. Wilson; official scorers, Chas. West and Nelson Carter.

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The fight before the Alexandria (Ind.) Athletic Club last week between "Shine" Russell, of Indianapolis, and Willie Hampton, of Marion, proved to be one of the most interesting of the season. Referee Fleaher called the fight a draw at the end of the twentieth round, although Russell did most of the fighting up to the last three or four rounds. Joe Davis knocked out Kid Gleason in the second round of what was to have been an eight-round preliminary. The men fought viciously.

### News Notes.

Wheeling, W. Va., Special.—Miss Sarah Paige, of Cleveland, was a guest of her mother Sunday visiting friends returning home Monday. Mr. Fred Murray, of Cleveland, was a Sunday guest of his sister Mrs. Smith. Simpson M. E. church gave a successful Easter entertainment Monday evening at which the Wheeling Cornet Band played. Ebenezer Baptist church gave a concert which was quite successful Monday evening. Rev. Ryder formerly of Pittsburg now pastor at Simpson M. E Chapel preached his first sermon Sunday and made an excellent impression. Miss Beatrice Cox returned from Cincinnati a guest of her mother. Miss Eliza Glasgow returned from Cadiz, O., visiting friends. James Moore leaves for Cleveland, O, shortly to make it his furture home. The Fortnightly Club was a guest of Miss Lee at which they were highly entertained. The G. U. O. O. F. No. 1307 will have their sermon preached the second Sunday in May. Patronize the Wheeling Co., Store by doing so you will help your fellow man as well as the race.

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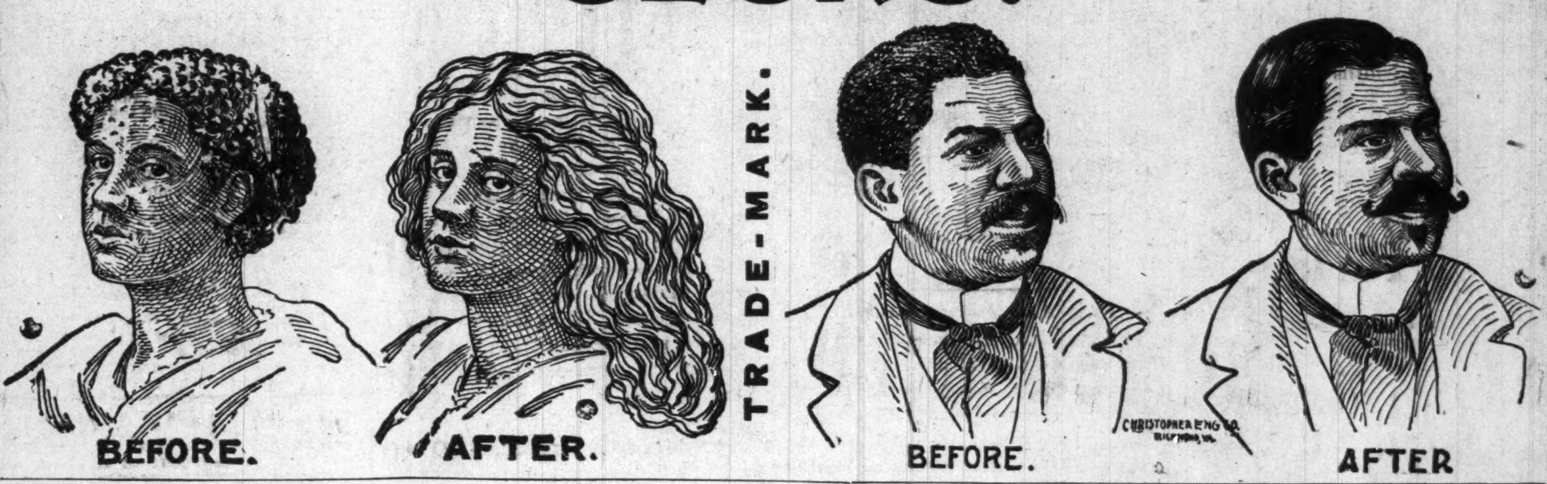

Recognizing the fact that there are many SO-CALLED hair-growers and hair-straighteners now on the market, and knowing to a certainty that many of these are frauds pure and simple, we wish to make a straight-forward, honest statement to the colored race through this great paper. In the year 1871 our late secretary, Mrs. S. M. Moore, through a fortunate circumstance, acquired the receipt for OZONO. It was not offered for sale or purchase to any extent until 1875, when it was put upon the market and met with marked success. After a thorough test by the colored people of that time it was pronounced an honest, legitimate remedy, true to all that was claimed for it, and worthy in every respect of the confidence of every member of the colored race, because they found it to cause the hair to grow long and straight, soft and fine, and as beautiful as an April morning. Now, whenever a genuine article appears upon the market there are always a number of people who imitate and make capital out of the merits of other people's goods. Seeing our marked success, numerous firms have entered the market, offering hair-growers and hair-straighteners, many of which are worthless, causing the hair to fall out and doing great damage to the hair and scalp, and the colored people are buying these spurious compounds, which are filled with animal fats, and do the hair more harm than good. To these let us sound a warning—be careful what you use on your hair. Do not be deceived by flaring advertisements and big words. Buy the King of all Hair Tonics,

OZONO,

which is sold with an iron-clad guarantee to do all that is claimed for it, or we will forfeit $50.00. Now, we ask you a plain question—would we absolutely agree to forfeit $50.00 if you are dissatisfied with our preparations, if they were not true to all we claim for them? We have advertised for several years under this guarantee, and we are glad to say that every one who has used Ozono has been satisfied in every respect.

20,000 people are to-day using our preparations, and every purchaser recommends Ozono as the King of all Hair Tonics. Ozono will positively take the Kinks out of Knotty, Kinky, Harsh, Curly, Refractory, Troublesome Hair. It will make short, harsh hair long and straight. It will cure your head of all itching, worrying scalp diseases. Itch, Eczema, Dandruff, and Scurf can not live after Ozono has been applied. It will stop your hair from falling out. It will restore gray hair to its natural color, making the hair long and soft.

Now, right here, let us make a statement. Many firms are advertising remedies to straighten hair, but when they send the preparation they tell you to use hot irons. Friends, do not use hot irons; they will burn up the life of the hair, and cause it to drop out. Ozono straightens without any outside assistance. Nothing but Ozono is necessary, and the hair stays straight forever. You can stop the use at any time. The good effects on the hair are seen in a day or two after the first application.

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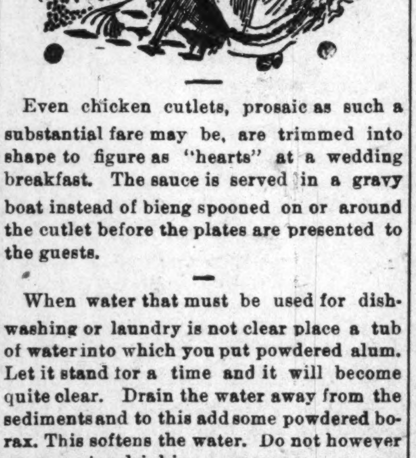

Even chicken cutlets, prosaic as such a substantial fare may be, are trimmed into shape to figure as "hearts" at a wedding breakfast. The sauce is served in a gravy boat instead of bieng spooned on or around the cutlet before the plates are presented to the guests.

When water that must be used for dishwashing or laundry is not clear place a tub of water into which you put powdered alum. Let it stand for a time and it will become quite clear. Drain the water away from the sediments and to this add some powdered borax. This softens the water. Do not however use same for drinking purposes.

The "Marguerites" of the city florists, as they call daisies, are used to make beautiful decorations for an April luncheon table or dinner table. The round mirror, sunk in silver setting which is the central ornament, has around its edge the usual wreath of asparagus fern greenery. Over this is flung a daisy chain. This is especially suitable for a luncheon for young girls, or, indeed, for a wedding breakfast. The effect of pure white, relieved by touches of verdure, is extremely appropiate to the spring of the year.

At a wedding breakfast in the spring decorate your table with a centrepiece of pure white flowers made up in the shape of a large heart. If you can procure white tulips use them in preference, their satiny petals are so lovely, and then the tulip, both by shape and texture, lends itself easily to decorative schemes. The heart should show a narrow edge of moss or fern or greenery of some sort just as a border. If you cannot procure white tulips, Bride roses are the next choice. Even the lovely lilies of the valley are not so handsome in heart as the imperial tulips.

## THE COLLEGE-BRED NEGRO

### Some Interesting Statistics Concerning the Educated Black Man.

The fifth number of the Atlanta University publications has just appeard, and is entitled "The College-Bred Negro." It is an attemp to study the work of the Negro college graduates both North and South and to estimate the value and probable future of the Southern college for colored people.

According to this report there have been about 2,500 Negro college graduates. Of the larger Northern institutions Harvard has eleven Negro graduates, Yale and the University of Michigan ten each, Cornell eight, Columbia four, and Pennsylvania four. Of the smaller colleges Oberlin leads with 128 graduates, the University of Kansas sixteen, and Bates fifteen.

The bulk of these graduates are southern born. Ninety per cent. of those born in the South stay there and work and 50 per cent. of those born in the North come South and labor among their people.

About 10 per cent. of these graduates are women. Most of the graduates marry between the ages of twenty five and thirty five, and while their families are not large they are of healthy normal size.

The most interesting question, and in many respects the crucial question to be asked concerning college bred Negroes is: Do they earn a living? It has been intimated more than once that the higher training of Negroes has resulted in sending into the world of workmen who can find nothing to do suitable to their talents. Now and then there comes a rumor of a colored college man working at menial service, etc. Fortunately the returns as to occupations of college bred Negores are quite full nearly 60 per cent. of the total number of graduates.

This enables us to reach probable conclusions as to the occupations of college bred Negroes. Of 1,132 persons reporting, there were:

| | Per cent. |
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| Teachers | 53.4 |
| Clergymen | 16.8 |
| Physicians, etc. | 6.3 |
| Students | 5.6 |
| Lawyers | 4.7 |
| In government service | 4. |
| In business | 3.6 |
| Farmers and artisans | 2.7 |
| Editors secretaries and clerks | 2.5 |
| Miscellaneous | .5 |

Over half are teachers, a sixth are preachers and another sixth are students and professional men; over 6 per cent. are farmers, artisans and merchants, and 4 per cent. are in government service.

Most of these do not change their occupations often and stick to their callings nearly 30 per cent. have been employed at their present occupations ten years and over.

The work of some of the professions is taken up in detail and there are reports of philanthropic work and political activity.

There is a most striking symposium on the Negro problems and their probable solution, a bibliography of works by Negroes and the opinion of a number of prominent Northern college presidents and others on the higher training of Negroes. In nearly every case these favor such training properly given to competent students. It is shown that colored students contribute very nearly as much towards the expenses of their training as whites. The final conclusions of the study are:

1. The great mass of Negroes need common school and manual training.
2. There is a large and growing demand for industrial and technical training and trade schools.
3. There is a distinct demand for the higher training of persons selected for talent and character to be leaders of thought and missionaries of culture among the masses.
4. To supply this demand for a higher training there ought to be maintained several Negro colleges in the South.
5. The aim of these colleges should be to supply thoroughly trained teachers, preachers, professional men, and captains of industry.

It is however, earnestly recommended that this college work be concentrated in about twelve high grade institutions in the South, instead of scattered as it is now in thirty four.

This pamphlet of 115 pages may be obtained of the university for the nominal sum of 25 cents.

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The Metripoles danced at Odd Fellows Hall last night.

Rev. Billings has returned to his home in Wilberforce, O.

Dr. W. W. Anderson is the guest of relatives in Kentucky.

Go to John D. Brosnan's new cloak and suit house, 43 and 45 S. Illinois street, for your tailor-made suits.

Mr. Ed Laforce of New Albany spent the first days of the week here.

Mr. Joe Timberlake has returned from a pleasant visit to his mother in Toledo, O.

John Gains of Montana passed through the city enroute to Baltimore to see a very sick father.

The funeral of Rev. Cornelius Carr was held Monday afternoon at St. Paul Temple Rev. Ratcliffe officiating. Interment in Crown Hill.

The colored Methodist Ministerial union will meet at Simpson Chapel next Wednesday morning at 10:30. All members are requested to meet promptly.

Did you see John D. Brosnan's tailor-made suits at $8.50? They are beauties, Remember the number 43 and 45 South Illinois street.

The funeral of Mrs. Harvey Young took place at her late home on N. Noble street, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock Rev. Hurley officiating, interment in Crown Hill.

The Matinee Club met and was entertained at the residence of Miss Alethia Crossen in Alvoid street Thursday afternoon. Miss Crossen proved herself a charming hostess and all present spent a delightful time.

A meeting and service to organize a colored Episcopal Mission will be held at the Chapel of St. Paul Episcopal church Monday April 22, at 8 o'clock sharp. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

John D. Brosnan's new cloak and suit house is the finest in the West.

The Ladies Alliance met at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Elbert in Senate Ave., Tuesday evening the occasion being the celebration of Mrs. Elbert's Birthday. Mrs. Retta Moss managed the affair which was indeed a pleasant one. Mrs. Elbert received some useful presents.

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Wayman A. M. E. church 17th and Yandes streets. Rev. C. W. Thompson pastor. Sunday services 11 a. m., Sunday school 2 p. m., and Christian Endeavor at 6 o'clock. Preaching at 8 p. m. Sacred concerts will be the feature the first Sunday in each month.

John D. Brosnan, the cloak man of South Illinois street, is the friend of the colored people, and deserves our trade.

Oliver S Clay, the promoter of the Claysonian, has decided to make the library of the late Rev. J. H. Clay, the basis of the Claysonian library. The library will be dedicated Monday April 22, the 50th birthday of Rev. Clay. All persons desiring to present books will send them to Oliver S. Clay, 1405 E. 11th street.

The social event of last week was the "Whist Party" given by Mrs. Eliza Wells last Saturday in honor of Mrs. Louisa Royal, Mrs. Ada Bagby Ford, of Chicago, Mrs. Eva Winn Grider and Miss Grace Hogan of Cincinnati. The prizes were beautiful the first a pastell ornament being won by Miss Beulah Willis; second a china plate, Mrs. Addie Martin; third picture frame, Miss Grace Hogan. The house was elaborately decorated with a profusion of American Beauties and carnations and many friends entered the spacious parlors during the hours 3 to 6. A dainty menu was served.

### Sewing School.

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### Ninth Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. H. A. Gibson of Greensboro, N. C., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Ninth Presbyterian church and will fill the pulpit the first Sunday in May. The Young People's Aid Alliance will give a grand musical to-mor row (Sunday) evening at 8 o'clock. The following program will be rendered: Invocation—Rev. W. J Harris; Hymn 245; Cello Solo—Miss Willie Hart; Tenor Solo—Mr Frank F. Brown; Violin Solo—Miss Myrtle Anderson; Address—"The Women of the Bible," Prof. W. H. Huffman; Harp Solo—Miss Myrtle Hart; Baritone Solo—Mr. Henry Sharp; Trio—Harp, Violin and Cello. Members are urged to pay their subscriptions at the morning service. Sunday-school at 2:30 p. m. Don't fail to attend the grand entertainment on the 26th of April, entitled "The Scientific Country School."

## DOINGS IN PADUCAH

Paducah, Ky., Special.—John Carr and family, formerly of Mayfield, have removed to this city. Melvin Haste met with a painful accident by sawing off the end of his thumb. Tuck Lowe has been confined to his bed, but is now out again. The "Auto" social club will give its first dancing party the first week in May. Miss Clara Logan has recovered from her recent illness. Watch for the opening of Clarence Dawson's cafe and ice cream parlor, South 7th street. You can find The Freeman there on Sunday each week. Miss Maude P. Mansfield was the hostess for the "Auto" social club last Thursday. A delightful time was had by all. Mrs. John W. Moore left Sunday for an extended visit to friends in St. Louis. A "baby show" will be given at Washington Street Baptist church, Tuesday evening, by the May Blossom Club. Miss Lulu B. Davis visited friends in the metropolis city last week. Henry Moore, of this city, who has been indisposed for eight weeks with a broken leg, is able to be out on crutches. Paducah can be proud of Fate Marble as he is the wonder of ten year old boys. Piano players, you that have not heard him, try to do so at once. He is one worth mention to the race. Read The Freeman and pay your agent, David Pittman. During the visit of the steamer Island Queen of the upper Ohio river paid Paducah last week the Negro was prohibited entrance for inspection by the head officials, but Mrs. Beulah Caldwell Bryant, not knowing, entered the boat without any interruption. We are proud to have one Negro who can pass for white on such occasions, Ben Paker, our popular barber and porter on the steamer Tennessee, is spending the week in the city on business of importance. Mrs. Mary Evens of Adams street, who has been on the sick list for some days, is on the mend. Mrs. Maria Leggins, of South 9th street, is suffering with a severe sore throat. Mrs. John Welch, of South 9th street, is on the sick list. Read The Freeman and pay David Pittman for it. Say, C. L., of Tennessee, is the Sporting Times run out? I saw you with the clothes basket not long since. French says you are the stuff. Lee Stanfield of this city, made a flying trip to Evansville, Ind., last Thursday, returning on Saturday. Charlie Murry, of this city, who has been missing so long, returned to the city last week. There is to be a new wedding in the future in the South end.

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### Normal Notes.

Normal, Ala., Special.—President Councill spoke at the dedicatory exercises of the Bristol Normal Institute at Bristol, Tenn., last Tuesday night, on "Building a People." He will speak in Lexington, Ky., next week. The College Union held its annual exercises last Saturday night in the chapel and rendered an excellent programme. Mr. Harry Deane writes from Cape Town, South Africa and speaks very favorably of conditions in that part of Africa. President Councill has just been reviewing, by request of the author, a very important manuscript, by a note l white lecturer on the Negro problem, which will soon be published in book form.

## SWAMP ANGEL ON THE WING

> "Still my fancy can discover
> Sunny spots where friends may dwell."

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Nearly four years have passed since we left dear old Indianapolis in search of health and recreation. The ever changing vicissitude of time has brought us in contact with many strange people and strange things. We have tarried long at the feast of the revelers, and now, like the Prodigal Son, we turn our weary footsteps homeward. Will the fatted calf be slain for our reception—for our welcome home again? Will there be much rejoicing by the good Indianapolitans? Many, perhaps, will be surprised at our return, thinking we had long since, like all good angels been transported to oblivion's shores. But, we are here—a living reality—and after much parleying with our real estate agent, succeeded in getting into our old quarters just around the corner, and are ready for an occasional chat with friend or foe.

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Naturally enough, old reminiscences crowd our memory, and we have for momentarily reflection: We miss many familiar faces in the busy throng; the deep, measured tones of the bell has tolled; it is the death knell; with sad hearts we followed our honored dead to the tomb and bowed in holy reverence to the inevitable.

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Another bell rings out in accents sweet and clear; it is the wedding bell. Cupid still holds undisputed sway over the hearts of men and women. Notwithstanding the rude and vulgar fests concerning the divine institution of marriage, it is most sacred; it is ennobling and elevating. While we are still classed among the bachelors, we will further state that 'tis the fault of the head, not the heart, and that ere another century dawns we hope to introduce Mrs. "Swamp Angel" to The Freeman readers.

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We must hasten; our time is limited. An interview with our time-honored friend, "Chappie," is set for 4:30 You will hear from him in our next issue.

### PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION 1901

Bureau of Information, Buffalo, N. Y., on the Niagara Frontier, May 1, to November 1.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 10, 1901.

The Indianapolis Freeman Indianapolis, Ind.:

Gentlemen — Learning from many sources that the colored people were to be well represented during this summer in attendance at our Exposition, it became a subject of importance to provide suitable accommodations

After consulting with a number of representative colored citizens of Buffalo, we learned that the colored people throughout the country felt that this city was not very hospitable toward them. Realizing that with proper organization the colored stranger could receive as hospitable and courteous treatment as the white visitor, we called together the representatives of the colored people. After carefully canvassing the situation, and on their recommendation, we have appointed Mr. A. M Thomas, a colored lawyer, to look after the interests of the colored visitors to this city. Thorough organization of the accomodations among citizens is to be effected, and you may say to your people that no fear need be felt in regard to the question of finding suitable accomodations and receiving courteous and respectful treatment.

We send this information feeling that through your valuable paper it would be made known to the colored people and thus prove that the Exposition does not purpose to slight in any manner this portion of our countrymen and visiting strangers.

Thanking you in advance for distributing the information, we are,

Very respectfully yours,
W. D. THAYER, Supt.

### Waco Happenings.

Waco, Texas, Special.—Miss Emma Johnson, who has for the past two or three months taught music school at Bruceville, is now at home. She will leave for Brownwood soon to conduct a music class there. Mrs Jesse Lewis, who lived at 1100 South First street, is now living at 612 South 11th street. Mrs L Gorden has been visiting her husband, Rev A Gorden, at Marlin, Texas, but has returned home. Ed Hardin, who has been teaching school at Belton, Bell county, has been in the city several days, but returned to his home at Harrison. Miss Easter, who has been teaching out of the city, is at home again on South 8th street. Miss M S Allen and mother have been on the sick list for several days are up again. Mrs Allen had a second attack of la grippe. Frank Sanders, an old citizen of McHerman county, living at 518 South First street, died at his home a few days ago. He leaves a wife, two daughters and two sons to mourn their loss. Mrs Kate Smith, of Anderson, Texas, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs Dr J W Fridia, returned to her home last Saturday. Remember the greatest Afro American journal sold in Waco can be found only at the Diamond pharmacy; that is headquarters for all leading literature of the Afro American race. The Freeman is "the journal." Call early and be the first to read the good news.

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### Capital City News.

Columbus, Ohio, Special.—Geo. Richardson, of 213 E. Elm street, who has been sick with la grippe, is convalescing. The Rev. Dr. Townsend, of St. Paul A. M. E. Church, was given a grand surprise in the sum of $55 last Sunday evening by the officers of the church. Rev. Townsend, of Indiana, was here, and presented the above sum to the doctor in behalf of the officers and members of St. Paul. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Harris are now settled in their new home, 611 McCoy street. Last Sunday Miss Annie Hughes, of 22d street, read some choice selections at the city work house for the entertainment of the prisoners. Miss Hughes is one the city's best elocutionists, and is a member of Harris' Dramatic Company. Among the most successful business colored men of the city is Jamison & Goode, who conduct one of the largest restaurants in the city. Foster Speaks, of Chicago, was in the city last Sunday on his way to Pittsburg. W. A. Brooks, one of the energetic young colored men who conduct the People's Drug Store on Mt. Vernon avenue, has sold his interest to Messrs. Duncan, Cox and Smith. These young men are doing a grand business and should receive the support of every Afro-American.

### Tuskegee Notes.

Tuskegee, Ala., Special.—Prof. Earl of the department of Agriculture of the A. and M College at Auburn, Ala., visited us Friday of last week and lectured to the students of the agricultural divison. All who heard him found themselves greatly benefited at the end of the lecture. Prof. Earl is an agricultural authority and we are always glad to have such men visit the Institution. Bishop Geo. W. Clinton of the A. M. E Zion church is with us for a week's stay. He will deliver a course of lectures to the Phelps Hall Bible training school students. The foundations of the New Carnegie Library and horse barn are nearly completed. The other buildings contemplated will also be reached soon and rushed rapidly forward.

### Selma News.

Selma, Ala., Special —Mr. Toussaint Sullivan came down on a visit to relatives and friends last week. Mr. Robt Anderson who accompanied home the remains of his brother, Nelson who died in Chicago April 1, returned Tuesday. W. L Gilliam of Selma would like to find the original birthplace of Allie and Bessie Gilliam and their parents. On Friday last Mr. Philias King died. He was a member of the carpenters union. Mrs. Anna Means returned to her home Hot Springs, Ark, last Saturday. Prof. R. B. Hudson attended the State Teachers Association at B'ham last week.

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